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Kissinger in Aswan with 'specific ideas'

ASWAN (AP). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger returned yesterday from Jerusalem with what he termed "specific ideas and considerations" for a Sinai settlement with Egypt.

However, U.S. officials aboard his Air Force jet said the negotiations were moving slowly, and earlier Israel officials told newsmen in Jerusalem: "We are not happy yet. This is only the beginning."

Later, after a 90-minute meeting with Sadat, the U.S. negotiator said: "We presented the Israel ideas and had a good talk." He said Sadat and his advisers — who attended the first half of the meeting — would study the ideas and that the two men would meet again at 11 this morning.

Cairo Radio added that Sadat would at this meeting present his reply to the Israel proposals.

Egyptian presidential spokesman Tahseen Bashir said the general mood at the talks was serious. "We feel serious and hard work is needed to tackle the issues presented," he said, adding that Egypt hoped the Israel proposals were a "further step towards peace."

In a move to accelerate the process Dr. Kissinger intends to make daily shuttle flights between the two countries the remainder of the week, except for a probable side trip to Riyadh, on Wednesday, for a courtesy call on King Faisal.

"I am not going to make any guesses," Dr. Kissinger said when asked how long he expected his mission to go on.

Arriving at Aswan Airport on the 12th day of his present Middle East trip, Dr. Kissinger denied with a blunt "no" that he was running into difficulties. He did not detail the Israel "ideas and considerations" he said he was carrying.

Egged bus drivers blocked the exit to Holon bus station yesterday morning to prevent traffic moving. (Feldin)

Main centres to be affected today

EGGED STRIKE SPREADS

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

STRIKE ACTION by Egged drivers broadens today with most of the centre and south of the country affected. The cooperative members, who are angry over their own management's handling of pay demands and election procedures, are shutting down interurban services from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Beersheba and other large towns in the centre and south. The strike action began on a small scale on Sunday. Local services will also be affected in most of these centres.

The Ministry of Transport has put on a few more trains and warned the bus drivers that they are liable to seven years' imprisonment and/or a IL100,000 fine for disrupting a public transport service.

Late last night, the Egged management in Haifa said the buses would be running there.

In Tel Aviv, the Dan Bus Cooperative is unaffected by the strike and will provide its usual local services. A Dan spokesman said it would respond "positively" to a request to add more buses.

Egged drivers are expected to try and block buses coming to the Tel Aviv central bus terminal from towns not affected by the strike.

In Jerusalem, the central bus terminal and Jaffa Gate terminus and some local routes will close from 9 a.m. Some drivers struck yesterday in Jerusalem in solidarity with their colleagues elsewhere.

In Beersheba, the early buses and routes to the Negev will run, but drivers will strike later. Herzliya buses will not run the whole day and the Municipality is providing free transport and has appealed to factory owners and owners of private cars to help get people to work.

Other centres affected: Netanya — from 9 a.m.; Kfar Saba; Holon; Rishon Le Zion — from 9 a.m.; Ashkelon, while Dimona will be buseless between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Yesterday no Egged buses left Tel Aviv central bus terminal for several hours as the strike which began in five towns on Sunday, spread to others.

Yesterday, it was reported that the Egged management had decided to hold a meeting of the cooperative's top-level committee to discuss possibilities of altering laws to bring about earlier elections. The drivers have been demanding new elections, charging that the cooperative's current financial crisis is due to bad management.

The strike, which started on Sunday in Herzliya, Safad, Netanya, Afula and Ashkelon, spread yesterday to include Rishon Lezion and Kfar Saba, as well as Tel Aviv. In some stations, it lasted only for a couple of hours, in others it continued throughout the day.

The strikers claim that this is a spontaneous movement and is not connected with any internal political factions in the cooperative. In addition to new elections, they are demanding that their pay cheques, which were due on the 15th, be sent to their banks immediately, saying this is the third consecutive month that the cheques have been delayed.

The Egged secretariat and the management met in emergency meetings to discuss the situation yesterday. The meeting of the management was disrupted by a group of 40 placard-waving wives of cooperative members, who were protesting against the delay in their husbands' pay. A press photographer who tried to take some pictures of the women's protest, was pushed around and his camera smashed. One wife complained she had been hit.

Chairman of the secretariat Yosef Harari told newsmen yesterday that he hopes the strike will end today when members receive their pay cheques and holiday bonuses.

Mr. Harari warned the strikers that if they continued after receiving their pay, the cooperative would have to take drastic steps against them.

Some taxi drivers took advantage of the strike to raise their fares. Persons with pick-up trucks were also seen plying Egged routes, and in some smaller towns, there were reports that horses and carts were being used as alternative transport, their drivers charging IL1 per persons for local routes.

The railways put on extra coaches on all trains on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem and Tel Aviv-Beersheba-Dimona line yesterday to help overcome the Egged strike. There will also be extra trains today from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem at 11.52 and from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv at 12.40.

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Rabin sends Egypt a draft formula for non-belligerency

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

U.S. SECRETARY of State Henry Kissinger and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat last night entered another round of talks that could be decisive in the Secretary's current efforts to achieve an interim settlement between Egypt and Israel in Sinai.

Kissinger arrived in Aswan yesterday afternoon. According to some sources he was bearing a nine-point Israel outline for an Egyptian commitment to non-belligerency and its practical components which remains at the core of the differences between the two countries. The Secretary is due to return to Jerusalem this evening.

American sources yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that the prospects of achieving an agreement between Egypt and Israel could be determined today. "Either Kissinger will today get the push to cement an accord," one such source said, or the talks might be suspended to enable the two sides to reassess their positions. Israel sources on the other hand said they knew of no intention, at this point, to consider suspending the talks.

The American sources expressed the belief that there was still room for bridging differences. They said that, despite their tough line in public, both Israel and Egypt provided "private gives."

These sources said that the chances of reaching an agreement depended heavily on the Egyptian reaction to the queries and conceptions which Premier Yitzhak Rabin gave Dr. Kissinger yesterday.

Though no details were disclosed, Israel is understood to have suggested that Egypt agree to "open bridges" between Israel and Jordan.

A Government official in Jerusalem yesterday told *The Post* that the issue was now political, rather than territorial. "We have still got to reach common ground on what it is that we're negotiating about, namely peace or withdrawal?" The official said that while the Egyptians were still intent on negotiating only for territory, Israel was intent on deliberating on movement towards peace.

In Cairo, the daily newspaper "Al-Akhbar" yesterday said that "some obstacles" have marred the prospects of an early interim Sinai accord, and it noted that more time would be needed if these obstacles were to be contained.

Another Cairo newspaper, "Al-Gomhouriya," said that Egypt was insistent on an Israel pullback from about one third of the Sinai peninsula. The line suggested by the paper extends from Kataba on Lake Bardawil on the Mediterranean to the Red Sea port of E-Tur.

American sources suggested yesterday that Dr. Kissinger was likely to produce compromise formulae of his own at the proper time. These sources outlined the problems facing the three main figures involved in the negotiations — Premier Rabin, President Sadat and Secretary Kissinger — in the following way:

- Mr. Rabin, who maintains a flexible approach, is bound by his pledge to the Knesset a fortnight ago that Israel will settle for nothing less than an Egyptian non-belligerency pledge in return for a pullback in Sinai.

Under-Secretary of State Joseph Sisco was quoted yesterday as having said that the Americans believe Rabin is doing his utmost for the cause of peace, though they appreciate the fact that he had "inherited a difficult situation."

- President Sadat, though uncontested in Egyptian leadership, must nevertheless satisfy the various power centres in Egypt. These centres include the bureaucracy, the university students and the army, which demands substantial Israel withdrawals in Sinai. Failing that the Egyptian army would push to assure massive arms supplies from the Soviet Union.

Sadat's own decision to pursue a second-stage settlement with Israel is said to stem mainly from his desire to safeguard what he terms the achievements of the Yom Kippur War. In addition he views an interim settlement as essential for the promotion of Egypt's economic self-dependence.

Under the watchful eyes of the radicals in the Arab camp, Sadat however would have to move cautiously in agreeing to moves that no Arab leader has accepted in the past 27 years, including the maintainance of an "open frontiers" policy. The sources pointed out that the open bridges on the Jordan front is seem to have been the result of the force of circumstances rather than the product of an accord concluded between Israel and Jordan. King Hussein could conceivably close the Jordan bridges without violating any agreement, whereby a similar act by Sadat, once an accord is reached, would be a breach of a pact.

- Secretary Kissinger for his part is said to be determined to come home with a success. He counts therefore on the fact that both Egypt and Israel are anxious to maintain Washington's continued support.

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Peres: Arabs not serious

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday said he regretted that some Arabs look on the current Middle East negotiations merely as a "PR gimmick" and as a means to getting a better press around the world. He said that the question is not whether Israel is willing to reach an agreement, but whether an agreement is possible under existing conditions.

Mr. Peres spoke at the formal opening of the seventh annual meeting of the Tel Aviv University Board of Governors. (See page 3).

Mr. Peres told his audience that Israelis should not be worried about the outcome of a possible new war although they are concerned about its price. The Arabs, he said, should be worried about the results but are regrettably not concerned about the price.

Greetings to the board members were also delivered by Chairman of the Board Victor Carter, Chancellor Dr. George S. Wise, President Yuval Ne'eman, Rector Shlomo Simonsohn and Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat.

ran and Iraq sign border agreement

HERAN (AP). — Iran and Iraq sterday signed an agreement formally ending a 46-year-old border pute that kept both countries military alert for the past de-de.

Under a reconciliation agreement, aq agreed to a median line in border river of Shat al-Arab d in return Iran agreed to land marcation of the border in accordance with a 1913 treaty protocol ned in Istanbul. It was also eed to close their common border prevent "provocative elements" ssing.

A joint committee is to discuss fate of 70,000 Iranians expelled the Baghdad regime and some ,000 Kurdish refugees who es-ed to Iran from the war-torn rdistan region of North-East q.

The Iranian and Iraqi Foreign isters, Abbas Ali Khalatbari and doun Hamadi, with Algerian eign Minister Abdul-Aziz Bouteca as observer, signed the proto-after 46 hours of deliberations. reement in principle was reached ween the Shah and Iraqi Vice-sident Saddam Hussein Takriti month, when they met in Al-ia following Algerian President ari Boumedienne's mediation.

ublic aigon abandons hree Highland provinces

AIGON (AP). — The South etnamese Government has de-ed to abandon the heart of the entral Highlands to the North etnamese, including the major pitals of Pleiku and Kontum. e region is untenable, with all ajor highways cut by a two-eek Communist-led offensive, overnment officials disclosed last ght.

It was the most stinging set-ck to the South Vietnamese of e entire war. This will mean loss of Kontum, Pleiku and riac provinces, and the biggest gle North Vietnamese gain. n Me Thuot, the capital of riac province, is already con-lled by the North Vietnamese. cials said the North Vietna-se were putting thousands troops into the region — as ny as two divisions.

(Hanoi — Page 5)

U.S. to sell Ethiopia $7m. worth of ammo

HINGTON (UPI).— The State artment announced yesterday the U.S. will sell Ethiopia up 7m. worth of ammunition.

e action was in response to a est from the Ethiopian provi-l military government last h for ammunition to assist it elling the rebellion in Eritrea. as reported that Ethiopia was ng $20m. worth of additional ary equipment and ammunition.

te Department spokesman Ro-Finseth said the decision was because the U.S. has been ally the sole supplier of Ethio-military needs for more than ars "and it did not believe that uld be totally unresponsive to most recent request."

tee cuts funds arked for Syria

HINGTON (Reuter). — An im-ut Senate appropriations sub-ittee yesterday cut $75m. from pecial $100m. Middle East con-cy fund earmarked for Syria, ned Senate sources said yester-

ormed sources said the sub-ittee reduced the so-called e East Special Requirement partly because the fiscal year ee-fourths over and specific ts have not been earmarked e remaining money.

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J'lem Hilton sold for $30m.

Treasury studies loan conditions

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE FINANCE Ministry was yesterday reported to be looking into the sale of the newly-opened Jerusalem Hilton by its American owners to a West German Jewish businessman, David Teig, for $30m.

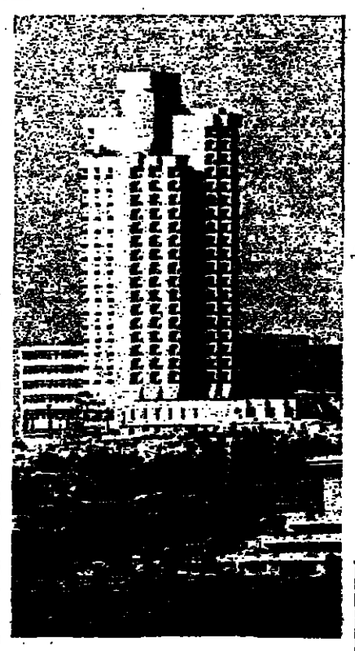
The original owners, a group led by Abe Feinberg and Philip Klutznik, invested just over $12m. in the capital's newest tourist tower, which opened its doors three months ago. As unusually high 60 per cent of the investment was in the form of unlinked State loans for 10 years, carrying eight per cent interest.

The sale contract was signed two weeks ago, but the transaction has not yet been finalized. The Tourism Ministry was informed of the deal only a few days ago.

Normally, there is no provision in government loans for hotel construction which forbids a change of ownership. The reason for the Treasury study in the Jerusalem Hilton case is the scope of the loan — fully 10 per cent more than the stipulated State participation in hotel projects.

The loan agreement is being studied to see whether this exception was linked to any special clause which might refer to a change in ownership.

The Jerusalem Hilton loan also departed from usual procedure in that it was arranged directly through the Treasury, then under Pinhas Sapir, and not by the Tourism Ministry. It is understood that the group was granted special terms in view of the services rendered Israel by the men connected with it. Mr. Feinberg ranks among the big donors to the Weizmann Institute and is chairman of its Board. Mr. Klutznik, is a former U.S. representative at the United Nations and world president of B'nai B'rithh.



The Jerusalem Hilton, towering over Western Jerusalem, with the Knesset at right. (Rubinger)

Hussein delays election

AMMAN (AP). — King Hussein issued a royal decree yesterday indefinitely postponing parliamentary elections that were scheduled for next August. No official reason was given for the postponement, but reliable sources said Hussein wants to wait for clearer indications on the fate of former parts of his kingdom now under Israel administration.

Freed German terrorists' whereabouts unknown

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Political leaders here continue to be puzzled over the whereabouts of the five German terrorists flown to South Yemen two weeks ago in exchange for the release of kidnapped West Berlin opposition leader Peter Lorenz.

The fear has been voiced that the five radical leftists — two men and three women — might return to West Germany. If they did, they would be subject to arrest, possibly sparking a new terrorist act of "revenge" by the Lorenz kidnappers, who are still afoot.

Reports from South Yemen say the five left the country last Thursday by a Pakistani aircraft bound for Indonesia. But Indonesia says it knows nothing about them and would not accept them if they arrived there.

A Bonn spokesman said the Government still assumes the terrorists are in South Yemen, but apparently has no direct evidence of this.

West Germany does not intend to demand extradition from Aden, since urban guerrillas here might feel they had been double-crossed. But Bonn could launch an international dragnet if the five turned up elsewhere.

West Berlin police have still not been able to track down the Lorenz kidnappers, almost two weeks, after he was freed unharmed from six days in captivity in West Berlin. Investigators were reported re-sifting 6,400 hints and clues from the city's populace.

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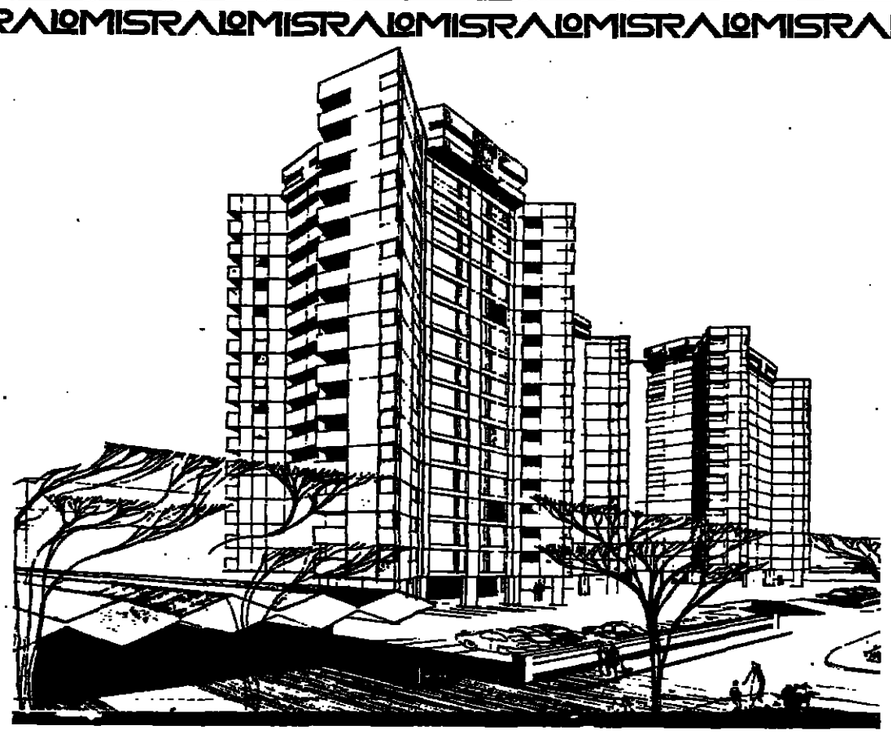

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Rabinowitz to U.S. after Dr. K. returns

Attack on Arab boycott seen

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Rumours that the proposed meeting between Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and U.S. Secretary of the Treasury William Simon in Washington has been held up by differences are discounted by the Treasury spokesman. In a laconic handout yesterday, he said that the meeting will take place shortly, at a time convenient to the two Ministers.

It is understood from other sources that there have been holdups, but the two sides are now close to agreement. Notably a clause will be introduced in the final comunique, condemning the Arab boycott. Hesitations on this point in the American Treasury were allegedly overcome when the State Department gave its approval.

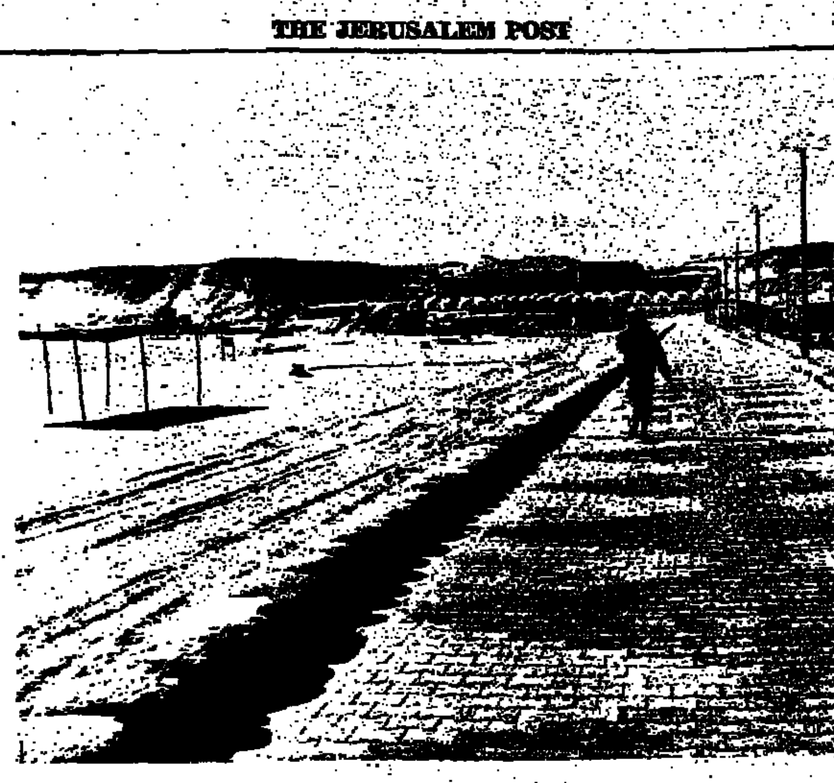
Mr. Rabinowitz's trip will not be given the green light until the termination of Kissinger's present mission in the Middle East. It is also necessary that Ambassador Simha Dinitz be back in the U.S. The get-together will probably occur in April or May, official circles say.

Four joint sub-committees have been elaborating a programme of cooperation. The areas are trade, investment, research and development, and raw materials respectively. The U.S. will help ensure raw materials for Israel, if necessary, by giving her access to the American stockpile.

Similar joint committee on economic topics are being set up with other friendly countries, a U.S. Embassy spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The endowment of the Bi-National Science Foundation, now standing at $60m., will be increased. Research projects and study grants are financed out of the interest earned by the Foundation on its capital. They are designed to serve the interests of both governments. The whole scheme has proved successful and will be expanded, it is learned. Another area of cooperation is water desalination.

A double taxation agreement is likely to be signed by the two Ministers during their meeting. Last details were arranged by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Moshe Neudorfer, during a short visit to Washington earlier this month.



The longest beach esplanade in the country is being built at Na'ama beach, north of Ophira (Sharm e-Sheikh). In the background are the area's tourist facilities. (IPPA)

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
Weather synopsis: A low over central Turkey is moving northeastward.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	48	10—12	7—12
Golan	67	8—14	6—10
Nahariya	55	10—20	12—20
Safad	77	6—11	7—10
Haifa	57	16—19	13—18
Tiberias	48	11—21	12—20
Nazareth	46	11—15	10—14
Afula	40	8—19	8—17
Shomron	85	10—12	8—12
Tel Aviv	59	14—18	12—18
B-G Airport	54	10—18	10—18
Jericho	32	12—23	10—23
Gaza	64	14—18	12—18
Beersheba	36	12—16	10—18
Eilat	21	17—24	15—23
Tiran	42	23—24	19—23

Social and Personal

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz met yesterday morning with the Israel Bonds New Orleans Labour Management Delegation at his office in Jerusalem.

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Ambassador Herly and French Cultural Attache M. Thomas yesterday visited the France-Wizo vocational school. They were accompanied by Mrs. Raya Jaglom, president of World Wizo, and Mrs. Shula Hillel, head of Wizo's trade schools.

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An international symposium on the Jews in the history of France was opened at Haifa University yesterday by former Israel Ambassador to France Walter Eytan, Haifa University rector Gabriel Warburg, and French Ambassador Jean Herly. Professor M.R. Mandrou of the University of Paris (X) delivered the opening lecture, on "The Historiography of Minorities in France."

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The American-Israel Numismatic Association Forest was inaugurated yesterday in a ceremony at the John F. Kennedy Peace Forest Memorial in Jerusalem. Among those present were Mr. Morris Bram, president of the Association, and Mr. Yitzhak Avni, head of the Israel Government and Coins and Medals Corporation.

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A gala fashion show featuring Gideon Oberson couture was held yesterday at the Jerusalem Hilton, for the benefit of Ilan, the Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children and Alyn Orthopaedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre, Jerusalem.

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Jerusalem's Albert Einstein Lodge of B'nai B'rith (for English speaking men and women) will meet tomorrow, March 19, at 7 o'clock at 3 Rehov Keren Hayesod. Following the business agenda at 8.15 p.m., Dr. Douglas Young, director of the American Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem, and the Rev. Dr. William Waters, scholar-in-residence at the Ecumenical Institute for Advanced Theological Studies, will discuss "The Christian Understanding of the Significance of the Rebirth of the State of Israel."

ARRIVALS

Mr. Willner (Germany), Mr. Gustav Stein (Germany), Mr. and Mrs. L. Porter (England) for the meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University.

Ben-Shahar assures union leaders:

Tax reform will improve labour relations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar yesterday reassured the country's trade union leadership that his committee's tax reform proposals would create incentives to work harder and improve labour relations.

Explaining these proposals to the Histadrut Trade Union Department and heads of the national unions and major works committees, Prof. Ben-Shahar said if the reform is implemented the Government's revenue will increase and indirect taxes will be reduced.

He also came out for reforming indirect taxation and for the value added tax which would be levied equally from everyone. He opposed any Government interference in wage negotiations between employers and unions, arguing that workers were entitled to incentive pay and bonuses. But there should not be "all sorts of deals at the expense of tax revenue," he added.

Prof. Ben-Shahar upheld his committee's proposal to abolish compulsory loans, noting that each pound collected through such loans was worth exactly half in terms of taxes. As to tax dodging, he hoped that under the reform 40,000 self-employed persons would keep accounts, and not 13,000 as today. He said that within two years more than 100,000 could be obliged to keep books.

Histadrut Trade Union head Uriel Abrahamovitz welcomed the Ben-Shahar committee proposals. He said the biggest advantage arising from the reform — from a trade union viewpoint — was that it would abolish all kinds of extra increments and all wage negotiations would henceforth be conducted "above the table."

IL250 fine for lifting umbrella

Jerusalem's recent trials of student shoplifters continued yesterday with the IL250 fining of a 21-year-old man for attempting to remove an umbrella, four bars of soap and a kilo of meat from the Capital's Hamashbir Latzarchan supermarket. Total value of the goods was IL122.

There have been fines of up to IL1,500, and threats of jail sentences, in recent shoplifting cases involving students. In passing sentences yesterday, Judge Moshe Shalgi stressed that he was being lenient this time because the offender was an honest man who had given in to a momentary impulse for which he showed honest remorse.

1,500 jobs to be phased out in civil service

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

A planned reduction of 1,500 places in the civil service establishment this year will take place in three successive phases, according to instructions issued yesterday by the Director of Budgets in the Treasury, Arnon Gafni, and the Civil Service Commissioner, Ya'acov Nitzan.

The first 500 slots will be abolished by May 1, the second by July 1, and the third by September 1, it was decided. Ministries are warned that applications to the special ministerial committee for easing budget restraints on essential projects will not be considered unless the manpower cuts are made.

It is not expected, however, that they will involvle outright dismissals. Unfilled posts will be cancelled if they are of low priority, or else officials will be transferred to them if the posts are important, allowing the vacated post to be dropped.

"CHEMICAL WEEK," a McGraw-Hill weekly which is read by 200,000 leading industrialists and businessmen throughout the world, is putting out a special supplement on Israel on May 28.

Harel blames Gibli, Lavon for '54 security mishap

Jerusalem Post Staff

Isser Harel, former Chief of Intelligence Services, has squarely placed the blame for the 1954 "security mishap" on the Defence Minister and head of Army Intelligence at the time, claiming that they were responsible for the failure to repatriate the members of the Egyptian Jewish espionage group — captured in 1954 — after the Sinai Campaign in 1956.

Harel was commenting yesterday on the TV interview on Friday night by members of group released from Egyptian prison after the Six Day War. The Defence Minister at this time was Pinhas Lavon.

Dissociating his organization from the 1954 incident, Harel told an Israel Radio interviewer that this was the "mishap"—the fact that Army Intelligence had not informed him, and the Defence Minister had not told the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister. Harel said this breakdown in communication had come about because of the attitude of the defence establishment at the time. This is why Army Intelligence chief Binyamin Gibli and Defence Minister Pinhas Lavon were dismissed following the "mishap," Harel claimed.

Nuzhat Katsav M.K. (Alignment) has sent an urgent letter to Defence Minister Shimon Peres, asking for his reaction to the TV interview, claiming that it had shocked the public and raised serious questions as to why the Government had not acted to free the imprisoned group members in the exchange of prisoners after the Sinai Campaign. She wanted to know what the government was doing about transferring the remains of two members of the group hanged in Egypt for reburial in Israel, and whether the government would allow the surviving members to publish a book on the episode.

Likud M.K. Zalman Shoval said yesterday that Friday's television programme on the Cairo sabotage trials was a politically tendentious presentation which could do great harm to Israel-U.S. relations. Shoval tabled a parliamentary question to the Education Minister (now responsible for the Broadcasting Authority) asking him who was responsible for the programme and whether the Minister had approved it.

Zeira may head anti-boycott unit

ALUF ELI ZEIRA is one of the candidates for the post of head of a unit the Treasury plans to establish to fight the Arab boycott. At present, the economic warfare issue is handled by Danny Halperin, assistant to the Finance Minister.

Aluf Zeira is now on a study tour in the U.S. He was removed from his post as chief of Army Intelligence following publication of the first Agranat report in April, 1974.

Mobile guns don't violate pact—Egypt

ASWAN (AP). — Egypt has denied that it violated the troop disengagement agreement with Israel by the passage of an Egyptian 130 mm. gun destroyer through the Suez Canal.

A senior Egyptian military source conceded that the agreement stipulates that no such guns "be placed within the limited weapons and troop area," assigned to each side, but argued that, as the ships were mobile, their passage did not violate the pact.

New regulation to ensure kosher tefillin

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Purchasers of *tefillin* (phylacteries) and *mezuzot* will now be assured that the religious articles are halachically acceptible if they are marked with a special stamp of the Ten Commandments and the Hebrew word "kasher."

Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael announced this yesterday in accordance with the Knesset law to prevent fraud in the distribution and sale of *tefillin* and *mezuzot*. The offence is punishable by a year's imprisonment or a IL3,000 fine.

Dr. Raphael's announcement followed complaints both here and abroad of Israel-made *tefillin* and *mezuzot* which were not hand-lettered on parchment as required by Jewish law.

NRP asks Labour to shelve its party-loan plan

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The National Religious Party's Knesset faction yesterday appealed to Labour to postpone "to a more propitious time" its scheme to get State guarantees for low-interest loans which would enable the country's political party's to consolidate their debts.

But the NRP Young Guard's Zevulun Hammer and Yehuda Ben-Meir said they would not support the request for aid, whether or not Labour decided to postpone it. They said they would not agree to the NRP asking for State aid, unless the NRP Central Committee votes on the idea as the Labour Central Committee has done.

The Herut Central Committee is due to meet on the consolidation-loan proposal tonight.

Row over new benefits for MKs' families

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Masochism," "feudalism" and "the privileged elite" were some of the phrases bandied about in the Alignment executive yesterday, in the wake of the controversial new benefits which the Knesset's House Committee voted yesterday for families of Knesset Members.

The benefits, which give supplementary medical care to MKs' families, over and above what the sick funds provide, are already enjoyed by the families of Cabinet Ministers, judges and religious court judges (*Dayanim*).

MKs themselves have been receiving the supplementary care for some time.

Labour's Zvi Gershuni, hearing of the House Committee decision, wrote a letter of protest to faction chairman Moshe Wertman, arguing that the faction's representatives on the House Committee had no authorization to support the new benefits. He referred in his letter to statements attributed to the NRP Deputy Speaker Pinchas Scheinman last week, to the effect that MKs and their families need not stand in queues like everyone else because they were a "privileged elite."

Wertman sharply criticized Gershuni's letter at the Alignment executive, deploring what he called a "masochistic mood" among Knesset Members, despite the fact that the benefits were enjoyed by sectors like Cabinet Ministers and whose salaries and benefi[ts] to those of MKs.

Gershuni then as[ked] Knesset wanted to e[...] self into a new clas[s] overlords. This provo[...] and his remark was [...] the record of the m[...]

His demand that the [...]mittee decision on benef[its] families be revoked, [...] down. However, Wertma[n] to air the entire issue [...] conditions for MKs at a [...] the faction shortly.

The supplementary [...] clude those types of me[...] rations and hospitaliza[...] the sick funds do not co[...] care at home if need be, [...]iary medical aids.

In two other decisions[...] Committee yesterday aw[...] a monthly travel allowan[ce] plus an extra IL25 for [...] plenum or Committee [...] Sundays, Thursdays or [...] flat rate and the extra [...] were pegged, in the dec[...] official rate for interurba[n] neys, to go up automa[tically] time. The Committee a[...] the allowances for mea[ls] night stays to the index [...] restaurant rates, as [...] January 15, to be adju[sted] each time the cost of [...] for wage earners rose.

400 school classes to close next year

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Four hundred school classes will be closed down during the school year beginning in September, Education Minister Aharon Yadlin told the Knesset yesterday. He said the move would save money, but would not deprive any children of an education.

Yadlin, who was surveying the work of the Education Ministry in the framework of the annual Budget survey, said shortage of money next year meant that the school reform programme would have to proceed at a slower rate. Nevertheless, another 15 junior high schools would be opened, in addition to the 181 already operating.

Yadlin said that a follow-up check of the success of the reform scheme showed that pupils whose families came from Asian and North African countries were making good progress at the new junior high schools. In general, the check indicated that the junior highs encouraged pupils to take their studies more seriously than before, the Minister said.

The extension of free compulsory education to the tenth grade will be staggered over another five years, as an econom[y] [...] said. The process [...] be complete in 1982.

Numbers of students [...]ling at the pre-school [...] In the junior kinde[rgartens] number of children [...] five years was incr[...] rate of five per ce[nt] There were 70,000 chi[ldren in the] three-to-four age grou[p in] junior kindergartens al[...]

Elementary education [...] first priority in alloca[...] duced development [...] Minister said.

Yadlin said that sev[...] Ministry officials and e[x]perts were currently p[...] overall master-plan for [...]tion system over the n[ext] years. The seven teams [...]duce a final report in [...] school year. He said b[...] attempt to build on a [...] plan would replace the [...] approach used hitherto.

He said that the bu[dget] Ministry had been cu[t] and this year, for the [...] the history of the St[ate] terms, budgets for uni[versities were] being cut by 25 per ce[nt].

March weather turns nasty

Blustery March weather yesterday brought rain and thundershowers to the north and centre of the country.

Last night the storms knocked out the electricity supply to most of Bnei Brak and parts of West Jerusalem. Rain and hail were also reported from the north.

New hotel opens despite lack of formal permit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Ramadan-Continental, Tel Aviv's latest luxury hotel, last night said it knew nothing about reports that its guest of honour, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, had decided against attending today's inaugural reception (see page 9). The reports, which could not be officially confirmed, claimed that the Minister would keep away because the hotel had not yet received a formal permit to open for business.

General-Manager Norbert Spichtinger of the seaside hostelry on Rehov Hayarkon, said he was puzzled by the reports, because a number of new hotels, "some of them a stone's throw away," opened their doors before receiving formal permits from all the necessary authorities, including the Ministries of Health and Labour, the fire brigade, civil defence, and the Municipality.

It may take months before a newly completed hotel gets all these permits, he said.

Concerning reports that the Tourism Ministry was withholding a permit pending completion of some sanitary and other services, Mr. Spichtinger said the Tel Aviv Municipality's sanitation engineer had expressed his approval of the hotel's facilities only a day previously.

6 shantytow[n residents] hurt at Kn[esset] demonstra[tion]

Six residents of Jer[usalem's] bestonim section were [...]ed yesterday morning [...] two members of the Kn[esset guard] during a demonstration [...] set Building over hous[ing condi]tions.

The 200 residents of [...] Hayovel slum neighbour[hood arriv]ed about 10 a.m. on a [...] posite the Knesset for [...]stration, which was [...] After protesting the [...] which residents were [...] with better housing, th[...] be received by Knesset [...]rael Yeshayahu.

As the request was [...] monstrators began cou[...] the Palombo Gates to [...] Plaza. When some of th[...] tried to force their way [...] Knesset Guards turned [...] on them. This was an[...] hail of stones, which br[...] in the guardhouse. Helm[eted] bearing guards then pu[shed] with their truncheons an[d] crowd back to the poi[nt] demonstration had begun.

Meanwhile, Mr. Yesha[yahu] called in the Jerusalem [...] in turn asked Mayor T[eddy] to receive a delegation. Kollek eventually agre[ed] four demonstrators at [...] the Mayor had agreed, [...] ordered an Egged bus [...] remaining demonstrators.

British MPs visit to Kne[sset]

British Labour M.P. [...] Irving, head of a six-[...] tion from Westminster, [...]terday that he and his [...]liamentarians understoo[d the] need for security as wel[l].

The delegation sat in [...] gallery when yesterday['s] session opened. Deputy [...] Zalman Abramov said [...] come speech from the [...] even though Britain [...] may not always have s[...] eye, they always maint[ain] contact, and clarified th[...]ences "in a frank an[d...] way."

NEWSBRI[EFS]

NEGEV CERAMICS of [...] has begun to manufactu[re decora]tive tiles in several colo[urs ...] now the plant produced th[em in] one colour.

ALL LAUNDRIES and [...]ing establishments in g[...] Aviv area will be clo[sed] March 27 to April 8, [...] the Passover holidays.

RAPHAEL'S GRIP IS SLIPPING

NRP Tel Aviv branch rebels

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The political pull of Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael within his National Religious Party has been seriously eroded. His faction which won nearly a quarter of the votes at the last party elections, has lost ground in two of the largest branches — Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

One of Dr. Raphael's faction leaders, Pinhas Scheinman, MK, veteran chairman of the Tel Aviv Religious Council, was ousted from the Tel Aviv branch chairmanship along with others of the Raphael slate. The vote was 44 to 40 with the youth circles joining supporters of Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, MK, rebellious members of the Raphael faction and City Councillor Avraham Boyer. The loss of the Tel Aviv branch was seen as a danger sign by the Raphael faction, which has hitherto taken pride in the minister's recent ascendancy to No. 2 place in the national leadership after Interior Minister Yosef Burg, head of the Lamifneh faction. It could have local ramifications for Haim Basok, who is deputy mayor by virtue of the previous control of the branch by the Raphael faction.

NRP sources listed Dr. Raphael's failure to deliver patronage commitments as a prime reason for his slipping on the political power ladder. Thus an important party chief in the Jerusalem branch deserted him because he failed to meet his promise to hand out a deputy directorship-general at his ministry, and similar promises of jobs did not materialize in Tel Aviv either. The youth circles are charging that rabbis in the Tel Aviv suburbs sought to exert undue influence over members of the branch council under Mr. Scheinman's prodding. They spoke of Mr. Scheinman's men calling at these members' homes and obliging them to swear an oath over sacred books that they would keep faith with the Raphael faction.

In an Israel Radio newsreel interview last night, Dr. Raphael ridiculed charges that his political pull was slipping: "Let's say there are certain weaknesses in my faction; it's mainly due to my having had to ignore party affairs since I became a Cabinet minister," he said. Dr. Raphael said he considered the youth circles' claims of rising influences highly exaggerated, and claimed that they do not control even one branch.

In deep sorrow
we announce the death
in Milan, of our dear brother-in-law

Prof. JOSEPH COLOMBO ז"ל

(Son of Rabbi Samuel)

Distinguished teacher of Judaism
to the Italian Jewish community

Dr. YOEL BEN-TOVIM and FAMILY

We deeply mourn the death of our dear

Dr. ERNA MEYER

Relations, acquaintances and friends
in Israel and abroad.

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White licence plates to be abolished

Immigrants to get more time to use their tax privileges

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The "absorption pains" of recent immigrants will be eased, or at least delayed, as a result of several alternations in the scheme of privileges, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

Absorption Ministry Director-General Menahem Sherman said in an interview in his Jerusalem office that single immigrants will henceforth be eligible for easy-term mortgages and rent subsidies for five years instead of three. Soon to be implemented is a decision to raise the Ministry's participation in rental of housing on the private market by singles. It will be IL250 monthly for unmarried immigrants with privileges under the age of 35 and IL300 above that age (currently, the subsidies start at IL200 per month and decrease in the second and third year since arrival). The elderly, said Mr. Sherman, are already getting rent subsidies until they are helped to acquire an apartment, even if their privileges have run out.

In addition, starting April 1, needy new immigrants will be able to apply for bigger loans for household necessities, and with a minimum of red tape. A loan of IL3,000 will be granted to a single person up to a maximum of IL6,000 for a family of six. Those who settle in development areas can get an additional IL1,000-IL2,000 loan at nine per cent interest. That bane of the new immigrant — the requirement of guarantors to sign — will also be eased in these cases: Only three, rather than five, are necessary, and they may include other immigrants.

An inter-ministerial committee is now meeting to discuss the whole system of immigrant privileges, said Mr. Sherman. They have begun to consider the prolongation of the period of customs and tax exemption privileges beyond the current three years. Such an extension would ease pressure on the newcomers, especially those with little money, to buy everything they can (including gadgets they don't need) within the limited period of eligibility.

The Absorption Ministry has also received permission from the authorities concerned to abolish the white-rimmed licence plates on vehicles purchased with customs reductions. (Such symbols of privileges have caused resentment and even physical damage to cars by individuals who must pay the full price). The Ministry is examining how to ensure that immigrants do not abuse their privileges as a result.

In light of the severe drop in immigration from the West, the Ministry has decided to "make absorption more personalized and less difficult." Re-training of newcomers will be stepped up; through contact with the Labour Ministry, the Absorption Ministry is notified before an industry is forced to lay off immigrant employees and is able in most cases to find them other jobs. Social absorption is also being stressed, although, Mr. Sherman admits, "there's no recipe for making the newcomer feel at home."

Building of new flats will continue as usual, despite the lull in immigration, to prepare for a resurgence of newcomers and to catch up with present demands.

"The Israeli has realized, since the Yom Kippur War, that the arrival of more and more immigrants can't be taken for granted and that they are necessary for our strength and continued existence," the Director-General said. "Envy over privileges for olim has nearly disappeared."

Mr. Sherman told *The Post* that the committee to encourage the return of Israelis from the Diaspora, headed by MK Adi Yaffe, has finished most of its deliberations and decided to recommend some incentives: a savings scheme for housing, incentives to move to development areas, customs exemptions on vital household items, and other benefits, but fewer than those accorded new immigrants.

An official of an immigrants' association welcomed the alternations in the scheme of privileges for olim, saying that "they are helpful and will allow more of them, especially singles, to stay in the country. Many have left, even after five or six years in the country and acquiring good jobs and a circle of friends, because they had to wander from one rented apartment to another." He added, however, that the changes wouldn't solve the basic problem of too short and too limited privileges, and urged the establishment of a list of articles that the newcomer could buy when he is able to afford them during an indefinite period of time.

Asked if anything could or should be done to help less recent immigrants who lack housing and household goods, the association official said that "unfortunately, the line must be drawn somewhere" or else Israelis who arrived before the founding of the State would also demand privileges.

Crack down on unlicensed contractors

The Housing Ministry is considering taking steps against people who use unlicensed building contractors as well as prosecuting the contractors themselves, the Ministry's Director-General, David Weinshal, told the Contractors Council at a meeting in his Jerusalem office on Sunday.

The Ministry's legal adviser was checking the possibility of issuing summonses against the clients of unlicensed contractors.

Weinshal has also asked for a programme to be prepared for the inspection of building sites throughout the country. He estimated that there are hundreds of unlicensed contractors, who both lower the general standard of building and also slow down the technological development of the industry.

Labour Council wants ships diverted

Haifa port discriminated against'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

... — The secretary of the Labour Council charged yesterday that the Ports Authority discriminates against Haifa port. ... the port's temporary stevedores disrupted work there to protest their dismissals, which go into effect after Pessah.

... council secretary, Eliezer ... said the Transport Minister ... aware of the discrimination against Haifa port, and demanded that the Ports Authority divert ships to Haifa from Ashdod, which, he said, had more than ... work, with some ships ... their turn outside.

Mr. Molk was speaking at a ... conference to explain the ... opposition to the dismissal of the 200 temporary stevedores. He called the dismissals "... and arbitrary," and ... case should be considered ... This was necessary, ... not only to convince ... that everything possible ... done, but for the sake ... workers now facing dismissal as a result of the economic ...

Mr. Molk said he thought the Transport Minister should appoint a committee to "investigate the economies instituted by the Ports Authority" in its main offices and in the three ports. The committee should find out whether the economies had included all the employees, including the senior grades, and whether there were redundant staff in the top grades. It should also establish whether senior staff were still working overtime although the Authority had specifically forbidden it as an economy measure, and whether in Haifa port contractors were engaged for work the staff itself could carry out.

Yehuda Cohen, the Council member who deals with the port, said that many of the temporary stevedores could be shifted to the development work being carried out by outside contractors, in the hope that cargo volume would pick up again. He also said that 17 administrative workers were still working although they had reached pension age, and that several dozen students had been engaged for guard duties. The temporary stevedores could fill these jobs as well, he said.

The port spokesman, asked to comment on these proposals, said any open positions should be filled by the stevedores with tenure; many of these men would also be redundant in the next few months, he said, after the citrus export season ends. He repeated that the dismissals remained in effect.

On another of Mr. Molk's proposals, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce said the Ports Authority had no legal right to order ships from one port to another. In fact, he added, the Labour Council's threat of sanctions was the main reason shipowners preferred Ashdod port, and the Chamber has not been able to convince them to use Haifa.

The Labour Council on Sunday declared a labour dispute over the stevedore issue, and yesterday it threatened to declare a second dispute over the administrative staff. One of the main complaints in this area is the engagement of new personnel, which the workers complain block their chances of advancement. The Council gave the port management a week to settle the disputes.

...ed temporary workers demonstrating in Haifa Port on Sunday. (IPPA)

Israeli cagers beat U.S. Navy 101-87

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland (UPI). — Seven members of the Israeli national basketball team scored in double figures on Sunday as the Israelis closed out their two-week American tour with a 101-87 win over Navy.

Boaz Yanai scored 18 points to top the Israeli team, which finished its U.S. tour with a 7-1 record, losing only to Houston.

Mickey Berkowitz scored 15 and Steve Kaplan, Tal Brody and Haman Keren each added 14. Kaplan formerly played for Rutgers and Brody for the University of Illinois.

Barry Liebowitz, an ex-Long Island University star, added 13 points for the Israelis. Jack Dizner, who played college ball at the University of Cincinnati, had 12.

Bob Burns of Navy scored 20 to lead all scores. Mickey Hampton added 17 for the Middies.

The Israel team held a 50-41 advantage at halftime. The Midshipmen hit their first nine shots in the second half and twice had a three-point lead.

With Navy ahead 76-75, the Israelis scored eight straight points and went out to an 83-76 margin to lead the remainder of the game.

A partisan pro-Israel crowd, said to be the largest ever to attend an indoor event at the U.S. Naval Academy here cheered the Israel team. According to a "Washington Post" reporter, the fans waved signs reading "Sink Navy" "Sock it to 'em, Israel," causing Navy coach Dave Smalley to ask, "Where are our People?"

Ben-Shahar to be elected T.A. University president

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv University governors are likely to elect the head of the committee on income tax reform Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar, as the new university president on Thursday. Prof. Ben-Shahar's candidacy was proposed at the last moment after it had been assumed that Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, the current president, would continue for another term.

Prof. Ne'eman informed the university executive board several months ago that he would not continue as president beyond the present term, which ends this month, because his appointment as special scientific aide to the Defence Minister would take up too much time.

Yesterday it was announced that Prof. Ne'eman has also been appointed Chief Scientist of the Defence Establishment.

Many public figures from Abba Eban to Arthur Goldberg were then approached, but no one agreed to take the job. The governors had resigned themselves to appealing to Prof. Ne'eman to stay on, when Prof. Ben-Shahar's name was suggested. Informed university sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that Prof. Ben-Shahar has accepted the nomination.

Prof. Ben-Shahar has taught economics at Tel Aviv university since 1965. A few years ago he lost out to Prof. Shlomo Simonsohn in the election for the post of university rector.

Aluf Amos Horev, Technion president, who is the present Chief Scientist to the Defence Establishment, will take up the post of coordinator of the Chief Scientist's advisory committee on general research and development, it was announced yesterday.

'Stand up for your beliefs against social pressures'

By MACAREE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "If everyone is doing it, then it must be all right," is the "disease" that is spreading among Israeli youngsters, according to Mrs. Ada Kimhi, head of the Health Education Department of Kupat Holim.

She said yesterday that only one of every three Israeli youngsters — and adults, as well — has the moral courage to stand up for his convictions against the pressures of his peers.

Mrs. Kimhi spoke at the presentation of a half-hour colour film devoted to methods of making more youngsters refuse to follow general behaviour patterns. Amiran Oleinik, a psychologist, assisted in making the film.

Mrs. Kimhi noted that the percentage of Israeli youngsters able to stick to their own decisions was the same as abroad, but added that "behavioural diseases" due to "social pressures and norms" were rampant abroad and were increasing in Israel.

As a result of the tendency to follow the crowd, she stated, it was alright to smoke, to use drugs, to drive recklessly and to practise promiscuous sex.

She indicated that one out of three could think issues through to their proper conclusions and follow these conclusions despite social pressure. She said another one was so imbued with the "herd instinct" that he didn't think about the matter at all. She said the film was aimed at the third youngster who could be influenced to "think straight and to develop the courage to fight the mob instinct."

The film will be shown in the U.S. as a study in behaviour, as well as in Israeli schools and youth movements.

High tuition said forcing trade school dropouts

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Students are being forced to drop out of trade schools because of the high tuition fees and extra expenses, the head of the Histadrut-sponsored Amal schools said yesterday.

Natan Almoslino, the Amal head, was speaking at a press conference at Beit Sokolow to mark the opening of registration for Amal's 9th and 10th grades, which begins today.

He said that tuition for Amal students came to IL2,600 plus another IL400 for the use of equipment and materials, food and transportation. In contrast, he said, university tuition cost IL1,950.

Mr. Almoslino complained that the educational establishment placed too much emphasis on academic training, ignoring the security and economic needs of the country. This neglect would create both social and economic problems in the future, he went on. He pointed out that this year, the Ministry of Education had budgeted IL200m. for vocational education, compared with IL242m. for academic education and IL1,100m. for university education. This, he pointed out, despite the pressing need for men with a high level of technical training caused by the country's security situation.

Israel lags behing Western Europe in training women for technological work, Mr. Almoslino said, and Amal has decided to grant IL200 a year to each girl studying a technological profession.

This year, between 200 and 300 more students will begin studies in Amal schools than the 1,900 who were accepted last year. About 1,000 students were turned down last year because of lack of space. The greatest overflow of applicants was at Amal's Holtz aeronautics school in Tel Aviv, where the acceptance ratio was three to one.

IL475M. BUDGET FOR JERUSALEM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jerusalem Municipal budget of IL475 million for the coming fiscal year was presented to the Municipal Finance Committee yesterday for consideration by Mayor Teddy Kollek. The proposed budget is a substantial increase over last year's budget of IL345 million.

Rishon protests flight-path proposal

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — Rishon Mayor Hanania Gibstein yesterday sent a telegram to Minister of Transport Gad Ya'acobi, protesting the proposal to move the flight-path which now passes over Holon southward to Rishon Lezion.

The move was decided after Holon residents complained of the noise of the planes. In his cable, Mr. Gibstein said: "The residents of Rishon oppose this change in the flight path, which might endanger plans to develop the sand-dune area of the town. Rishon is not willing to continue being the victim of others."

Rishon residents are beginning to believe that all governmental bodies pick on their town to dispose of their ecological problems. The Dan region sewage ponds were brought to the Rishon sand-dunes. A Dan region garbage dump has been planned for this area. A fight is now going on over expropriating some land from Rishon to enlarge the Dan region graveyard, and now the air above the town is threatened.

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Yeruham to get absorption centre

Jerusalem Post Reporter

YERUHAM.—An absorption centre to house 60 families will be built in this community and the Ministry of Absorption will begin moving families into temporary accommodations shortly after the Pessah holidays, according to Haim Isaacovitz, Absorption Ministry Director for the Southern Region.

Mr. Isaacovitz said the centre will serve people with a variety of backgrounds, rather than only university graduates. A study has already started in the community to determine what skills and professions are needed.

Community leaders indicated that the recent article in *The Jerusalem Post* on the plight of the town helped bring about the quick response from the Ministry.

First such award in country's history

...onthly IL3,915 for life to young fall-victim

...TIV. — In a precedent-setting decision, the District Court ...esterday awarded monthly payments for life to a boy ...00 per cent invalid from a ... suffered on a school outing ...rs ago.

Moshe Beisky ruled that ... air-bound Avraham Ger... now 18, would be better ser... way than by a lump-sum ... especially as his hard... parents might invest a ...tlement unsuccessfully and ...ve him without support. The ...s and the State — the ...spondent in the Gershuni's ... agreed on the IL3,915 a ...settlement, which is linked ... Cost-of-Living Index.

...y of 1971, Avraham, then ... among 27 Kfar Habad ... taken for an outing in ... Gedi area of the Dead ...e by teacher Eliahu Rivkin ...respondent in the suit). In ...g from an ancient agri... site there — along a path ...he Gershunis claimed had ... appropriate for the pupils ...ham slipped, lost his bal... ...d tumbled several metres ...e slope.

Rivkin found the boy lying unconscious on a rock. Avraham was taken to Ein Gedi, and then flown to Beersheba by helicopter. His injuries have left him unable to care for himself and in need of special care and facilities.

Judge Beisky — who also made a IL334,387, sum award, in part to build Avraham a special flat — made the monthly award after noting that the Gershunis have seven other children and live in only two rooms, he said. Furthermore, there had to be provision for Avraham to the end of his days, even after his parents may no longer be here to care for him.

The IL334,387 award includes: IL110,000 for building and adapting a special dwelling for Avraham; IL67,737 hospital expenses; IL125,000 for pain and suffering; IL16,000 for past medical treatment, and IL3,150 for travel expenses. The IL3,915 monthly compensation which the State is to pay breaks down into: IL1,400 loss of income; IL60 wheelchair cost; IL50 clothing; IL595 physiotherapist's fee; IL110 medical expenses; IL1,200 home help; and IL500 travel expenses.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BEGINS

By BERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Pessah vacations start today for more than 700,000 elementary and secondary schools pupils — except for about 27,000 twelfth-graders, who will be writing some of their *bagrut* exams today.

In a new departure, pupils sitting for their exams in Hebrew composition and language will not work from the usual printed question forms, but will hear their composition subjects and language questions announced over the radio. The questions will be broadcast over the Second Programme (Gal Hakal) and the Army Programme (Galei Zahal) — for the native-born between 8.50 and 9 a.m., and for recent immigrants between 9.50 and 10 a.m.

Pupils in agricultural and vocational schools will work from printed questionnaires as usual.

Doing away with most of the printed forms will save the Education Ministry a lot of money, Elidad Avidar, head of the examinations department said yesterday. External pupils will also write their Hebrew *bagrut* exams today. To save pupils in outlying districts the trip to the nearest town, they will now sit with regular pupils in their local high schools and also receive their exam subjects by radio, he said.

With Pessah ending on Wednesday, April 2, school would normally open Friday, April 4, because on the day after Pessah, and other holidays, called *Isru Hag*, there is an additional school holiday so as to allow the many women teachers to put away their Pessah dishes. This year, however, the Education Ministry decided not to start school on Friday, but on Sunday, April 6.

Registration of high school pupils for the 1975/76 school year starts tomorrow and continues until April 3. Details on registration have been announced by schools and local councils.

...za trade fair ...et for June

...erusalem Post Reporter

... — More than 200 exhibi... expected at the Gaza ...irst industrial and agricul... ...r, scheduled for June here. ...rce and Industry Minis... ...tor-general Moshe Mandel... who announced the fair ...ouring plants here, said ...ould be exhibits by local ...s of textiles, metal-pro... ...urniture, food and agricul... ...oduce. The aim of the fair ...ow the growth of local in... which now employs 5,000 ... of the 600 who worked ... years ago.

Test drilling at sea for limestone

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 600-ton British survey vessel, Irene S., yesterday started test drilling on the continental shelf, off Kiryat Yam suburb. The tests are aimed at discovering off-shore reserves of limestone *(kourkar)* aggregate as land sources are being exhausted. Several million tons of the aggregate are needed every year for road building.

The vessel was invited here by the Geological Institute of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, with the aid of the UN Technical Assistance Bureau.

'Lower-than-ever fares to Israel

...Despite new 4% hike

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — In spite of the IATA four per cent hike in regular normal tourist class air fares — in force starting April 1 on all European-Mid-Eastern air routes — Israel will be available at lower-than-ever fares, El Al commercial vice-president Yeruhamiel Shrem told *The Jerusalem Post* here yesterday.

Explaining this contradiction, Mr. Shrem said that while El Al had agreed to the four per cent increase on the normal tourist fares on the Europe-Israel runs, it had also obtained approval for a record low group fare rate. It amounts to approximately 70 per cent of a normal one-way tourist class ticket, four per cent hike included, on the Lod-Europe flights, he said.

Since regulations for joining group flights are liberal, most travellers willing to commit themselves to set departure dates should have no difficulties in joining such a group (the pre-determined in-and-out flights and number of days spent in the country are the only conditions for group flight eligibility).

Fares to the American and African continents and within Asia, such as flights to Teheran, remain unchanged. Turkey, which is "half in and half out" of Europe enjoys a special rate — only a two per cent fare hike.

Predicting a good summer season, Mr. Shrem said the company anticipated a nine per cent increase from Europe. The U.S. would probably be down by about ten per cent, but Canada was expected to increase its traffic by eight or nine per cent.

The increase in traffic from Europe is a direct result of the revaluation of a number of European currencies. On the other hand the dollar has lost much of its purchasing value and economic prospects in the U.S. are still rather gloomy, as persons there with the means to travel are hanging on to their money in fear of worse to come.

Travel agencies in Israel fear that group tourism from the U.S. may decline by as much as 50 per cent during the coming spring and summer seasons.

In Tel Aviv, the Austrian Airline announced it will add a third flight to its weekly schedules, starting in June. The company's manager in Israel, Mr. E. Messer, said yesterday that his company recorded a 12 per cent increase in traffic to and from Israel last year.

BEERSHEBA Former Britons, Australians and New Zealanders now have the services of a Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland office in their town — at 11 Rehov Hamaccabim, Tel. 73811. Hours are: Mondays 8 a.m.-noon; Tuesdays noon-4 p.m.; Wednesdays 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

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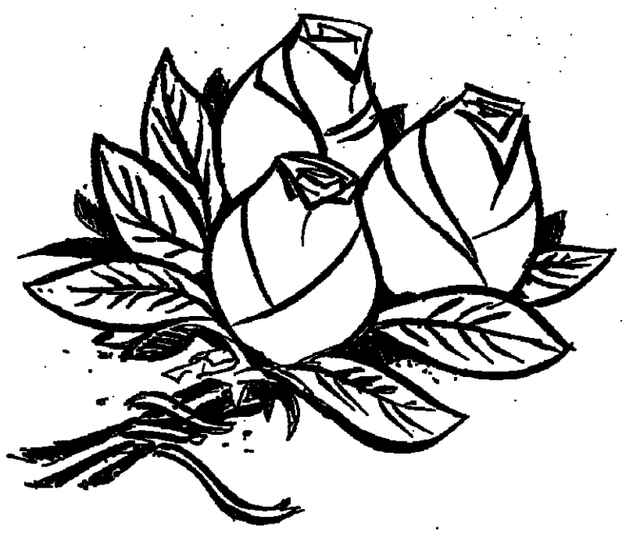

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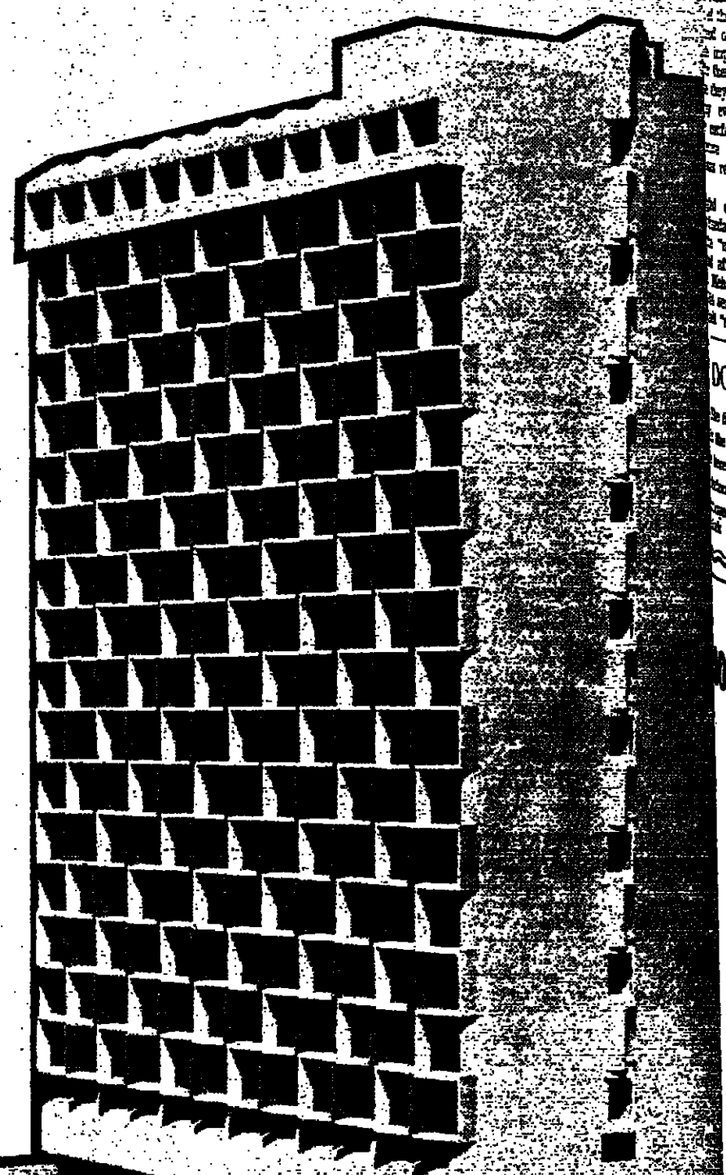

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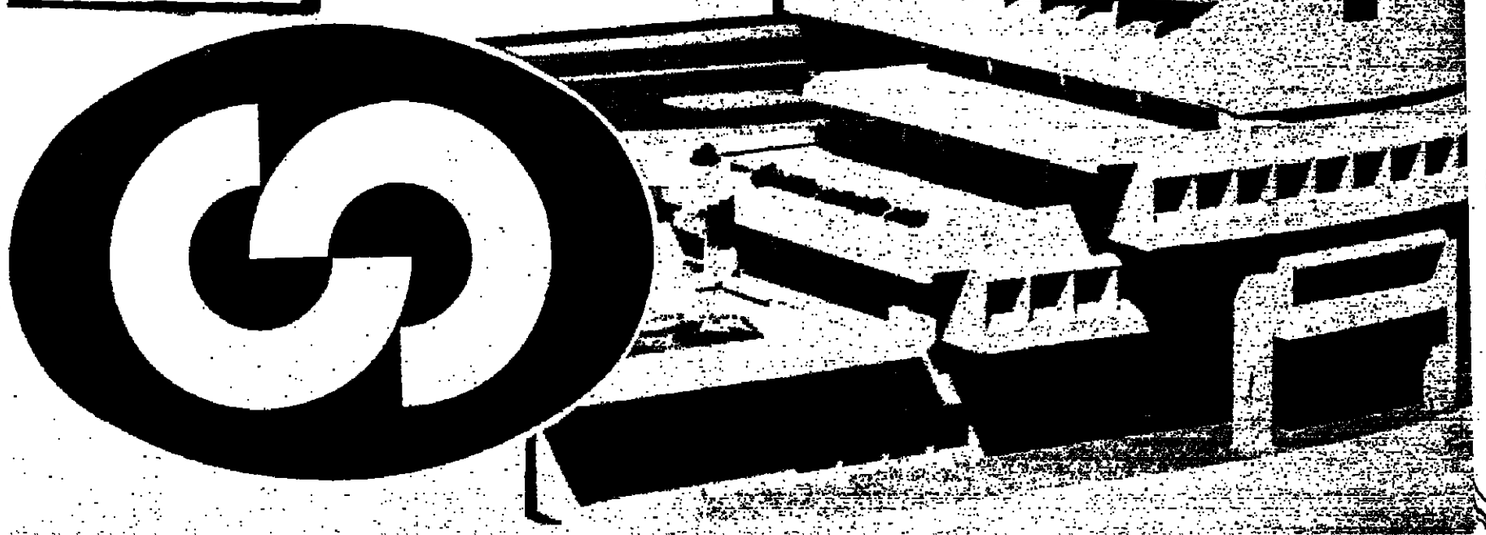

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Hanoi presses attacks near Saigon as more quit Cambodia capital

SAIGON. — Fighting in Vietnam spilled over into Cambodia yesterday as South Vietnamese bombers struck across the border. North Vietnamese forces, meanwhile, extended their two-week offensive close to Saigon, threatening to overrun two more district capitals and cutting the last of two highways leading to the isolated Central Highlands, field reports said.

The military situation appeared to be rapidly deteriorating for the South Vietnamese, as official sources acknowledged that the North Vietnamese controlled virtually all of the Central Highlands capitals except Ban Me Thuot except for a few hundred government soldiers trapped in the city. The Communists were threatening another district capital in the region and had isolated by overland route the other two cities of Pleiku and Kontum.

North Vietnamese forces launched a new wave of attacks in the 3rd military region that includes Saigon and 11 surrounding provinces, using their heaviest blows aimed for the first time at provinces to the east, the Saigon command said. The district capitals 80 and 105 kms. northeast of Saigon were in danger of falling and fighting was reported around the provincial capital of Xuan Loc.

Saigon spokesmen said it appears that the North Vietnamese objective is to capture Pleiku, Kontum, Darlac and Quang Duc provinces in the Central Highlands since all highways except one have been cut. He said two district capitals in the Highlands are under heavy North Vietnamese attack, including Thanh An to the south of Pleiku.

In Cambodia, foreigners fled Phnom Penh in large numbers yesterday in the belief that the city's fall was only a matter of time. A rocket fired by Cambodian rebels narrowly missed a plane taking on American Embassy personnel at the Phnom Penh airport.

The rocket landed about 30 metres from an aircraft under contract to the embassy as it was loading the evacuees for a flight to Bangkok. The passengers dived for cover underneath the plane. No casualties were reported.

American sources said the U.S. Embassy has begun burning documents and has asked volunteer American relief agencies to reduce their staffs to essential personnel.

"Everybody is packing up," said one American. A visitor to the homes of several American diplomats in the past week reported: "Everyone is trying to be casual but they are packing furiously."

Australia closed its embassy last week and moved its personnel to Bangkok.

Cambodian military sources said spotter planes reported sighting what appeared to be a Communist build-up in some of Phnom Penh's outskirts. There was some speculation the insurgents were planning a heavy barrage against the city during the night and today to mark the fifth anniversary of the start of the Cambodian war.

Former chief of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk was ousted on March 18, 1970, signalling the start of fighting in Cambodia. In a statement yesterday in Peking he said the insurgents of which he is nominal head would occupy Phnom Penh soon.

Insurgents kept up shelling and ground attacks yesterday on the shrinking perimeter of Neak Luong, the last Mekong River enclave held by the Cambodian Government, and military sources said insurgents were infiltrating the refugee-jammed city. *(AP, UPI)*

South Vietnamese tank moves past a destroyed hamlet on Highway 22, 96 kms. northwest of Saigon. The road is vital to the survival of the threatened provincial capital of Tay Ninh. (AP radiophoto)

Man to be charged in 'Slasher' case

LOS ANGELES (AP). — A man who has been in jail for more than a month will be charged in connection with the Skid Row Slasher case, police chief Edward M. Davis said here yesterday.

Vaughn Greenwood, 31, of Los Angeles, has been in custody since January 3 and Davis said he would be charged in the Slasher murders. He did not say what the charges would be.

Greenwood was charged with assault and burglary in connection with an attack on two men in which an assailant used a hatchet and a knife. The two victims are recuperating from the February 2 attack.

The bodies of nine men, most of them vagrants and derelicts, were found between December 1 and January 31 in what police call the Slasher murders. Each murder had the same trademark — the victim's throat had been slit from ear to ear. The first seven victims were found in the skid row section of Los Angeles.

British approve visa for ex-KGB head

LONDON. — Alexander Shelepin, former head of the Soviet Secret Police, the KGB, has been granted a visa to lead a Soviet trade delegation to Britain, Home Secretary Roy Jenkins told the House of Commons yesterday.

Jenkins said he recognized that the opposition to Shelepin's visit might result in demonstrations but he hoped that they would be peaceful. He said.

"After careful consideration, I can find no ground on which it would be proper for me to refuse this application. The power vested in me to refuse an applicant whose presence would not be conducive to the public good should be used only to safeguard national interests and not to express moral approval or disapproval of a particular person or a particular visit."

He pointed out that the present head of the KGB had visited Britain in 1966 with then Premier Nikita Khrushchev and Nikolai Bulganin.

Conservative papers have conducted an anti-Shelepin campaign ever since he was named as the Soviet delegation's leader to a meeting of the Trade Union Congress.

As soon as the announcement was made, Conservative legislators jumped to their feet to condemn the decision. Tory MP Victor Goodhew declared angrily: "The admission of this ex-leader of the KGB and therefore an organizer of political assassination, will be an affront to the people of this country."

Prime Minister Harold Wilson last month signed a major trade deal between the Soviet Union and economically-troubled Britain in a move that observers considered did much to improve relations between Moscow and London. These have been cool since former Prime Minister Edward Heath's Conservative government expelled more than 100 Soviet diplomats from Britain for alleged spying activities.

Middle-road Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe questioned whether Shelepin's visit would boost Anglo-Soviet relations. *(UPI, AP)*

Police woman killed on St. Patrick's

DUBLIN. — Thousands of shamrock-wearing Irishmen paraded through flag-festooned towns and villages yesterday in traditional celebrations honouring St. Patrick, the national apostle. Police security served as a grim reminder of the violence across the border.

The first policewoman to die in Northern Ireland during the holiday was killed by a bomb apparently planted by Protestant extremists to hit a Roman Catholic-owned tavern in Belfast.

The 24-year-old mother of two children, a Protestant herself, had been in the police reserve less than a month. She was on patrol in the seaside resort of Bangor with another part-time constable on Sunday when the bomb exploded on a window ledge of the Ormeau Arms Saloon.

The death toll in all 5½ years of bloodshed stands at a known 1,178. *(UPI, AP)*

Writer Vincent Sheean dies at 75

AROLO, Italy (UPI). — Vincent Sheean, the Illinois-born foreign correspondent and novelist who created a new form of personalized political journalism during the turbulent years leading to World War II, died on Sunday at the age of 75.

Sheean had returned to his home in this village on Lago Maggiore in January after undergoing several months of treatment for lung cancer in New York.

Although author of short stories, historical novels and music criticism, Sheean was best known for the kind of reporting he turned into a new genre with "Personal History," a study of events between the wars as he experienced them.

In his last years he revisited the Soviet Union and China in preparation for his autobiography to be called "Personal History II." A friend said he had not finished it at his death.

Portugal tense over changes in Cabinet

LISBON. — Portugal remained uneasy yesterday as the Government confirmed that talks are being held to form a new Cabinet, with the reshuffling expected to give more power to the Communists.

Six days after the failure of an attempted military uprising, the armed forces remained on a reduced alert, while restrictions on exits and entries at the Spanish border continued. Civilian vigilantes were still in control at Lisbon Airport where they searched passengers' luggage.

A spokesman for the office of Premier Vasco Goncalves reported "contacts are being made on a technical and military basis to form a new Government." He did not say when the Cabinet might be announced.

The statement followed Lisbon newspaper reports yesterday predicting widespread changes in Portugal's Cabinet, perhaps within 48 hours. The reports said it was likely that one of the country's key military leaders, Maj. Vitor Alves, would be replaced. Alves refused to confirm or deny the report, calling it hypothesis.

But the departure of Alves, No. 2 on official Cabinet lists behind Goncalves, is virtually certain, the newspaper "O Seculo" said.

A minister without portfolio, Alves has been in the inner councils of the Armed Forces Movement (AFM) running the country since last spring's revolution brought the military officers to power.

The newspaper also reported that Mario Soares, head of the Portuguese Socialist Party, might be replaced by Maj. Ernesto Melo Antunes as foreign minister.

Communist Party leader Alvaro Cunhal yesterday urged the armed forces and Democratic parties to reach an agreement on the country's political future. Speaking to 40,000 people at a Communist rally, Dr. Cunhal, Minister without Portfolio, said elections for a constituent assembly should go ahead next month as scheduled despite tension caused by the abortive uprising.

None of the 101 civilians and military men detained after the uprising has yet been released, although a local radio station yesterday quoted the armed forces information services as saying five members of one of Portugal's leading banking families, held at the weekend, had been freed. But a special anti-rumour group set up by the military denied the report and said it was trying to track the source. *(AP, Reuter)*

STRIKE. — Britain's shipping lines and exporters and importers could now face six-figure bills as the unofficial strike at London's docks continues. Forty-six ships are laid up in the Thames and warehouses are crammed with export orders.

U.S. may expand airlift ability to avoid Azores

BOSTON (JTA). — The U.S. Air Force is seeking funds to expand its already enormous airlift capacity so that it can by-pass bases such as the Azores should it have to supply Israel in a new emergency situation, "Christian Science Monitor" correspondent Guy Halverson reported from Washington yesterday.

"The successful resupply effort to Israel in late 1973 was made possible primarily because of the refuelling point in the Portuguese Azores and because the Israelis were able to quickly refuel U.S. planes at their end," he wrote. "Now, however, the new Leftist government in Portugal raises the question of continued U.S. use of the Azores."

He said the Pentagon is seeking funds to increase the fuel-carrying capacity of Air Force cargo planes and is considering the possibility of some type of airlift expansion legislation that would provide incentives to commercial manufacturers to make wide-bodied civilian planes quickly convertible to military use.

55 die in air crash

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Fifty-five persons died when an Argentine Air Force plane slammed into an Andean peak on Sunday during a storm in Argentine aviation's worst disaster.

The Air Force said there were 49 passengers and five Air Force crew members aboard the state-run military airlines plane when it crashed while attempting to land in Bariloche, a ski resort. A honeymooning Uruguyan couple were the only foreigners aboard the plane.

An Air Force communique said the plane smashed into the side of Reygau mountain, near Bariloche airport. Authorities there said that they lost contact with the plane five minutes before it went down. There were turbulent winds and rain at the time.

ISRAEL'S SUN-HEATER ON SALE TO SUNLESS BRITONS

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — One of the latest Israeli exports to Britain is, believe it or not, the solar water-heater. Since it went on the market here last September, over 12,000 inquiries have been made to the British agent.

The Miromit panel from Israel can currently be seen adorning the roofs of some of the show houses at the Ideal Home Exhibition at London's Olympia.

To those who laugh at the idea of selling solar heaters to sunless Britons, David Geraffi, the distributor, patiently explains that you don't need direct sunlight to heat through a solar heater. It is solar radiation which does the heating, and this comes through the layers of clouds which covers Britain much of the time, he points out.

The British climate does have some effect on the traditional "dud shemesh" of Israel. Here only the solar panel is placed on the roof, while the watertank remains inside the house.

The energy crisis has generated considerable interest in solar heating and there are now 20 companies in the UK making solar heaters. But Geraffi says that the Miromit is the most efficient and the cheapest on the market.

Cairo court discusses Nasser-era sentences

CAIRO (AP). — A Cairo court opened an unprecedented discussion on judicial indictments issued during the era of the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

Sixty-four members of the outlawed Moslem Brotherhood organization, sentenced to life imprisonment in 1965, asked for their immediate release because they were sentenced without any evidence whatsoever and their confessions were taken under torture before and during trials," it was reported yesterday.

The defendants singled out in the plea, made on Sunday, the charges issued by the "military court of Digwi," named after its presiding judge, Gen. Mohammed Digwi, who in 1954 sentenced the accused in the Israeli "security mishap" and was in 1956 captured in Gaza where he was Military Governor.

In 1965 Nasser accused the Brotherhood of plotting to assassinate him. Three of their leaders were hanged, and hundreds were interned.

Ibrahim al Baathy, writing recently in the weekly magazine "Al Musawar," said that the Digwi court used to force confessions from the accused by flogging, electric shocks and other torture. He said that the new Egyptian Minister of Planning, Ismail Abdullah, was flogged 100 times to force him to praise Nasser.

"Al Baathy" called on President Sadat to immediately release those sentenced by Digwi, especially members of the Moslem Brotherhood.

3,000 NY DOCTORS ON STRIKE

NEW YORK (AP). — The first mass strike by doctors in the history of the U.S. took place here yesterday when some 3,000 doctors struck voluntary and municipal hospitals after round-the-clock negotiations failed to resolve a dispute over the doctors' working hours.

The Committee of Interns and Residents had demanded that doctors work no more than 80 hours a week. They contend they now work as much as 110 hours.

NEGRO COMEDIAN LEAVES NEW YORK

Gun needed for peaceful country life

RIDGEFIELD, Conn. (AP). — Actor-comedian Godfrey Cambridge moved here from New York City's Upper West Side "to find peace and safety and happiness in the country." Now he sits in his 14-room home armed with a pistol and complains about his new neighbours.

Cambridge became the first black to live in a large house in this nearly all-white, affluent community about 64 kms. northeast of Cambridge's old neighbourhood. So far, he says a youth in a car tried to run his wife off the road, one of his two teen-aged daughters was threatened with death if she attended a school dance, and his car was doused with petrol while it was parked in his driveway.

In addition, Cambridge says he has found mysterious footprints and heard gunshots outside his home. "You hear stomping outside the windows. You hear gunshots on your property. People drive all the way up the driveway and then back out. The same, strange cars keep driving by the house. You get worried," he said in a weekend interview.

Cambridge has been carrying a gun for several years, ever since he began receiving threats because of one of his films about the dangers of drugs. He says there is no reason to give the gun up in Ridgefield.

He is unimpressed with local authorities, describing the police department as "largely ineffectual" in protecting his property. And he says state officials have been no help in trying to square away a collection of structural defects and confusing town hall records on his house, for which he paid $125,000. He says he expects to spend $50,000 to renovate it.

Cambridge says when he bought the house, he was told it had only minor defects. But since he moved in, his foot has gone through tar, he has found faulty plumbing and a defective furnace, and he has yet to find the septic tank.

But he intends to stick it out.

Soviets in accord with terrorists in Beirut

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Palestinian and Soviet leaders have agreed on specific steps for the next phase in Middle East peacemaking, Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization Political Department, was quoted as saying here yesterday.

In an interview with the mass-circulation "An-Nahar," Kaddoumi said the agreement was reached at a three-and-a-half-hour meeting here on Sunday between PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and Vladimir Vinogradov, Soviet representative to the Geneva Middle East conference.

The meeting climaxed consultations between the terrorist movement and Soviet leaders on recent developments in the Middle East, he added.

Kaddoumi attended the meeting along with Alexander Soldatov, the Soviet Ambassador to Lebanon. Vinogradov arrived here from Amman on Saturday for what he described as a private visit.

The paper quoted informed sources as saying Vinogradov affirmed his country's full support for the PLO and the Palestine people's "right to establish an independent entity on their land." They said issues raised at the meeting included Arafat's next visit to Moscow which would take place "very soon."

A Soviet delegation led by Vladimir Kudryavtsev, vice-president of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Committee, has had talks with Palestinian leaders in both Damascus and Beirut.

HOSTESS PEARL MESTA DIES AT 83

OKLAHOMA CITY (Reuter). — Pearl Mesta, Washington's unofficial hostess since the Truman years — she was immortalized in Irving Berlin's Musical "Call Me Madam" as "the hostess with the mostest"— died on Sunday night. She was believed to be 83 though she never confirmed her date of birth. A widow since 1925, she entertained presidents, diplomats, socialites and bureaucrats in her Washington salon.

Mrs. Mesta served as ambassador to Luxembourg from 1949 to 1953 and was an accomplished musician. She learned to cook from President Dwight Eisenhower and sold a house to President Lyndon Johnson.

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Ford asks rejection of 'new isolationism'

Urges U.S. role in world while solving home issues

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP). — Urging rejection of the "new isolationism," President Ford expressed confidence yesterday that Americans know they cannot "resign from the world."

Ford argued for continued U.S. involvement in world affairs — and particularly for foreign aid programmes — in a speech at a special convocation at the University of Notre Dame campus near South Bend, where he had received a Doctor of Law degree.

While Ford placed heavy emphasis on foreign aid, mainly economic assistance, he made no mention of his controversial requests for more military aid for Cambodia and South Vietnam.

Ford said he believed the nation had the capacity "to resolve our difficulties at home without turning our back on the rest of the world."

Noting that Notre Dame has students from more than 60 countries, Ford said: "Let this demonstrate to all Americans that other people place a high valuation on what America has to offer. Let it demonstrate that the University of Notre Dame rejects the new isolationism.

While the President emphasized economic assistance, he made a passing reference to military aid without mentioning Southeast Asia. He said: "While we pursue a peaceful world in which there is unity and diversity, we must continue to support security against aggression and subversion. To do otherwise would invite greater violence."

While saying more is required than "moralizing about the role others should take," Ford did offer advice to other nations, saying: "In cases where countries have dreams, let them join in sharing with others. Some have helped. Others have not. We led the way and we will not shirk from future burdens. But all nations must cooperate in developing the world's resources."

Ford said all nations also must "realize the need for peaceful accommodation with neighbours.

"An interdependent world cannot solve disputes by threats or force," he continued. "People depend on each other more than they realize. For example, we import between 50 and 100 per cent of such essential minerals as cobalt, bauxite, tin, nickel, manganese, mercury and others."

One of the challenges that confronts the American people, he said, "is whether we learn nothing from the past and return to the introversion of the 1930s, to the dangerous notion that our fate is unrelated to the fate of others."

Trade unionists march through Tokyo street after the Spring Labour Offensive Joint Struggle Committee's first gigantic rally on Sunday, before the first wave of strikes scheduled for March 27. (AP radiophoto)

Brezhnev, in Hungary, looks fine

BUDAPEST (UPI). — Leonid Brezhnev, the General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, yesterday attended the opening session of the 11th Hungarian Party Congress and East bloc. Sources said his appearance tended to discount reports he is so ill he may resign this year.

"He looks better than Kadar," one witness said, as Brezhnev took his seat next to Janos Kadar, the Hungarian Communist Party First Secretary.

Brezhnev was applauded loudly by the 848 delegates ranging in age from 21 to 81 as he took his seat. He followed the proceedings with interest and attention. His appearance was the centre of attention. Some thought he looked a bit drawn, others did not.

Similarly, his arrival on Sunday from Moscow started a debate. Did he walk briskly or haltingly to his motor-car?

The question came up in an effort to determine the truth of Western reports that Brezhnev's health is so bad he is thinking of retiring this year.

But the consensus was that he walked the way one might expect a 68-year-old man to walk after a long train ride. In any case, East bloc officials said they saw nothing to make them believe Western reports that there is something seriously wrong with Brezhnev. They said Brezhnev never would have come here for the March 17-23 party congress if he really was sick.

In Geneva, Western diplomats said yesterday that Brezhnev has proposed a 35-nation summit meeting on June 30 to sign a treaty on European security and cooperation. They said Brezhnev made his proposal in letters to French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Prime Ministers Harold Wilson of Britain and Aldo Moro of Italy.

The letters were delivered just before the European Common Market summit conference in Dublin on March 10 and 11.

SUPERSONIC. — The Soviet Union's supersonic passenger liner, the TU-144, made a test flight on March 13 from Moscow to Alma-Ata, capital of the Kazakhstan Republic, in preparation for regular service to the city some time this year.

Youngsters in Paris preparing protest against enlargement of military camp of Larzac, central by placing sheep at the head of their parade. (AP ra

'CIA plotted to kill foreign leade

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The Central Intelligence Agency discussed, but never carried out, assassinations of foreign leaders, says a member of the Senate subcommittee that oversees agency activities.

Sen. Stuart Symington, Democrat-Missouri, said on Sunday in a television interview he recently asked CIA Director William E. Colby about news reports of alleged plots by the agency to kill the heads of state and "he did say there had been some discussion about it, but that it had not actually been done."

Vice-President Nelson A. Rockefeller said on Sunday night the subject would come up before his commission investigating allegations of illegal CIA domestic spying.

In an interview with CBS News, Rockefeller said President Ford has asked for a full report from the agency about the alleged assassination plots and that the subject is on the commission's agenda.

Recent news reports have connected the CIA with plots against the lives of Cuba's Fidel Castro, former Belgian Congo leader Patrice Lumumba, Haiti's Francois ("Papa Doc") Duvalier and the Dominican Republic's Rafael Trujillo. Lumumba and Trujillo were assassinated, and Duvalier died of causes.

Asked if the commission cussing the reports, Rocke lied, "Right. Correct. As to their (CIA) domestic ity."

Sen. Frank Church, Idaho, who heads the Se mittee investigating the quoted as saying his gro "get to the bottom of mours."

Church, quoted in the ton Post," said: 'In the a war, no agency of the go can have a licence to mu

$660m. for Israel in much-cut U.S. aid bill

WASHINGTON (UPI).—The much-delayed and much-reduced $3,500m. foreign aid bill now before the Senate contains $1,000m. for the Middle East, including $674.5m. for "security support" (i.e., economic) assistance.

Israel would get $324.5m. of the latter (given to countries whose economies are strained by heavy defence costs), Egypt $250m. and Jordan another $77m. Israel also would get $300m. in military credit sales and $35m. for settling Soviet refugees.

A new Middle East Special Requirement Fund would receive $100m.

The foreign aid bill represents a 41-per-cent cut in the Administration's $5,900m. request, with the heaviest cuts coming in humanitarian, health and food programmes for Asia.

The cuts were made during debates last week by the House of Representatives. They found Rep. Otto Passman (Dem.-Alabama), traditionally the toughest critic of foreign aid, in the unusual position of having to fight repeated efforts to cut the bill even more.

But while Passman was able to keep the cuts from exceeding 41 per cent, he also succeeded in defeating all efforts to restore funds for humanitarian aid.

These funds could be restored by the Senate.

In the House bill, $498m. is provided for development assistance, a cut of 43 per cent in the $873m. asked by President Ford.

One of the hardest hit programmes in that category was for food and nutrition, slashed 57 per cent — from $548m. to $234m. The bulk of the food and nutrition aid surviving is earmarked for Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, the Phillipines and Chile.

Also included in the aid bill is $440m. for Indochina reconstruction assistance, most of it for South Vietnam and none for North Vietnam, $520m. in U.S. contributions to international financial institutions; and $115m. for the U.S. share of international organizations.

The entire aid bill is $2,400m. less than President Ford sought, and $2,300m. less than Congress provided in the previous year. It provides funds for the fiscal year that began last July 1. Appropriations were delayed in the closing days of the last Congress and the programmes have been continued by a series of continuing resolutions, the latest of which expires March 25.

Smith opens talks with SA Premier

CAPE TOWN (UPI). — Prime Minister John Vorster and Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith met here yesterday to discuss the constitutional future of Rhodesia and its relations with black nationalists and neighbouring black states.

Smith arrived on Sunday accompanied by his Minister of Defence, Pieter van der Byl. The South African Foreign Minister Dr. Hilgard Muller and Justice Minister Jim Kruger also attended the discussions.

No agenda for the meeting was issued but government sources said the two leaders would be talking about the latest steps in the Southern Africa detente campaign. The campaign, backed by the South African Government, suffered a setback two weeks ago when the Rhodesian police arrested black Rhodesian nationalist leader, the Reverend Ndabaningi Sithole, on allegations he was plotting to kill some of his political opponents.

Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the black nationalist movement, the African National Council, of which Sithole is a senior member, announced he would hold no further constitutional talks with Smith until Sithole was released. Sithole is due to appear before a special court on March 24.

Meanwhile, the "Johannesburg Star" reported yesterday that Soviet weapons, including Sam 7 anti-aircraft missiles, have been supplied to Rhodesian guerrillas assembled in base camps in Mozambique. Quoting Portuguese sources, it said the guerrillas had received a large proportion of the arms landed at the port of Beira recently by a Russian freighter, the Akademick Shimansky.

They were sent to a Zimbabwe African National Union — Zanu — guerrilla base at Guro, less than 48 kms. from the Rhodesian border. Zanu is headed by Sithole.

Mariner gets close to planet Mercury

PASADENA, California (UPI). — America's Mariner 10 made a third pass of Mercury on Sunday on its final mission. Scientists said the successful space probe probably flew by less than 160 kms. from the planet's surface.

The closest approach of the Mariner, already the most productive interplanetary explorer ever launched, was instantaneous, going by at close to 46,000 kph.

RATE. — Chase Manhattan Bank, the third largest bank in the United States, yesterday lowered its prime rate to 7.75 from 8 per cent. The prime rate is the lowest fee banks charge on short-term business loans.

SOVIET PLAN TO ASSASSINATE NIXON

WASHINGTON (AP). — A Soviet intelligence officer who defected to the U.S. has told the CIA that Soviet secret police had a contingency plan to kill Richard F. Nixon if he had been elected President in 1960, columnist Jack Anderson says.

Anderson said in a story yesterday that the plot was described to the CIA by former KGB Major Anatol Golytsyn, who defected from his post in Helsinki, Finland, in the 1960s.

Golytsyn attributed the plan to the late Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, Anderson said. At the time Nixon had a reputation as a staunch anti-Communist.

Anderson also said Golytsyn told the CIA that Khrushchev had talked about eliminating ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev after he defected to the West. Golytsyn tried to warn Nureyev, but did not know if his message reached the dancer, Anderson said.

The alleged plot to kill Nixon was kept secret for years, but was disclosed by CIA sources "after stories about the CIA's assassination attempts hit the headlines," Anderson said.

He said Golytsyn was one of the highest ranking Soviet de CIA history. The U.S. $200,000 in compensation at least $500,000 more him, Anderson said, quotin

Anderson said Golytsyn American intelligence age valuable information whi out, to be accurate. "On therefore, believe his story Nixon assassination plan," said.

Anderson quoted source ing Golytsyn was last re ing in the U.S. under a tity.

SPORTS ABROAD — BERNIE BER

Everton increases its lead

EVERTON INCREASED their lead in the English Football First Division on Saturday, surviving a continuous assault on their goal by Leeds United to salvage a scoreless away draw.

Leeds launched a non-stop blitzkrieg from the opening whistle but squandered countless opportunities as they did everything but score, and when the smoke had cleared the Merseyside team had a three-point margin at the head of the table.

Second-place Burnley lost a chance to close in when they gave up two second half goals to West Ham United and bowed away 2-1. Stoke City moved into third one point behind Burnley by beating Derby County away 2-1.

Wet fields predominated throughout the country, and the old adage that it hurts the defenders more than the attackers held true once more. Ipswich outlasted Newcastle at home to win 5-4, while at Molineux in the Midlands, Wolverhampton trampled over luckless London side Chelsea 7-1.

More than 56,000 turned out to see Manchester United tackle their last major hurdle before their inevitable return to the first division.

They were held to a 1-1 draw by Norwich, a good point for the visitors, for whom Martin Peters made an impressive debut.

But Norwich are now two points behind Aston Villa and Sunderland, who are second place with an identical goal average. Aston Villa have a game in hand.

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division One:

	G	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Everton	33	14	15	4	46	29	43
Burnley	34	16	6	10	67	48	40
Stoke	33	14	11	8	50	39	39
Ipswich	33	16	2	15	50	54	38
Liverpool	33	14	10	9	45	34	38
Derby	33	15	8	10	50	45	38
Leeds	33	14	9	10	45	34	37
Middlesbrough	33	13	11	9	43	33	37
Sheffield United	33	14	9	10	42	43	37
Queen's Park Rangers	34	14	8	12	46	42	36
Manchester City	33	14	8	11	44	46	36
West Ham	33	12	11	10	50	42	35
Newcastle	32	14	6	12	50	52	34
Coventry	34	10	13	11	46	53	33
Wolverhampton	33	11	10	12	45	41	32
Birmingham	33	11	7	15	41	49	29
Chelsea	33	8	12	13	38	61	28
Arsenal	31	9	8	14	34	3	26
Leicester	32	8	9	15	31	46	25
Tottenham	34	8	8	18	38	54	24
Luton	33	6	10	17	30	49	22
Carlisle	33	6	3	22	31	46	19

Division Two:

	G	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Manchester United	34	20	7	7	57	34	47
Aston Villa	33	17	8	8	53	38	42
Sunderland	34	15	12	7	60	38	42
Norwich	33	14	12	7	44	30	40
Bristol City	33	16	7	10	37	28	39
Blackpool	34	12	13	9	34	33	39
West Bromwich	33	13	9	11	39	30	35
Bolton	33	13	9	11	38	30	35
Notts County	34	11	13	10	38	42	35
Fulham	34	10	14	10	33	36	34
Oxford	34	12	8	13	33	43	34
Hull	34	11	12	11	34	50	34
Orient	33	8	16	9	23	33	32
York	34	13	7	15	42	44	31
Nottingham Forest	34	10	11	13	36	44	31
Southampton	33	10	10	13	39	42	30
Portsmouth	34	10	10	14	34	43	30
Oldham	34	9	11	14	31	56	29
Millwall	34	9	9	16	37	45	27
Bristol Rovers	34	10	7	17	30	50	27
Cardiff	33	7	12	14	30	48	26
Sheffield Wednesday	33	5	9	19	28	58	19

SWIMMING

EAST GERMANY'S Kornelia Ender established a world free-style swim record over 100 metres in 56.38 seconds, to better her previous record by 0.58 seconds, the official East Berlin News Agency ADN reported on Friday.

ADN said Miss Ender, from Halle, established her new time during a swim meet in which East Germany vs. the Soviet Union in Dresden.

TRACK & FIELD

JOHN VAN REENEN of South Africa set a world record for the men's discus with a throw of 68.48 metres (224 ft., 8 in.) during an athletics meeting at the Coetzenberg Stadium in Stellenbosch, South Africa, on Friday night.

The previous official world record stood at 68.40 metres (224 ft., 5 in.), originally set by American Jay Silvester at Reno, Nevada, in 1968 and equalled by Ricky Bruch of Sweden in Stockholm in 1972.

TENNIS

ROD LAVER of Australia won the men's singles final of the World Tennis Championship tournament on Sunday, beating Charles Pasarell of the U.S. 6-4, 6-4.

Laver needed only 56 minutes to defeat Pasarell, from Puerto Rico, with excellent services at Brazil's Sao Paulo Tibrapuera Gymnasium before some 12,000 fans.

BOXING

FORMER HEAVYWEIGH champion George Foreman can lick anyone in 15 ro announced a one-night prog which he will fight five c each going three rounds.

Foreman made the offer conference with soul singe Gaye, who is putting up t for the round-robin, "2 match."

"If one of them beats m tire from boxing," said Fore himself has been guarantee of $10,000.

Foreman, who lost his wo weight boxing title to Muha last fall in Zaire, said he has already contacted as pos tenders Mac Foster, "Scr Johnson, Benny Sterling, Bo man and Jose Urtain of Sp

Foreman, who knocked Frazier in 1973 to earn th weight title, said the "fi match will be held sometim April in either California, Jamaica or Boston.

BASKETBAL

European professional Basketb (Standings for games playe Monday, March 3)

	GP	W	L
Belgium Lions	16	13	3
Israel Sabras	19	12	7
Switzerland Alpines	16	7	9
Munich Eagles	19	7	12
Iberia Superstars	16	4	12

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		IL	*1973 IL
aid-up Capital of the Bank		184,864,000	143,125,000
eserve for proposed distribution of Capitalization Shares		64,702,000	28,625,000
apital Reserves		94,768,000	78,228,000
arned Surplus		309,954,000	215,747,000
		654,288,000	465,725,000
apital Notes—Convertible into Shares of the Bank		153,100,000	55,000,000
		807,388,000	520,725,000
terest of Outside Shareholders		307,164,000	240,183,000
		1,114,552,000	760,908,000
emand Deposits	3,920,403,000		3,204,531,000
me and Savings Deposits	16,728,678,000		10,119,538,000
eposits and Loans from Banking Institutions	4,491,998,000		2,898,720,000
	25,141,079,000		16,222,789,000
eposits for the Granting of Loans	4,811,649,000		2,874,619,000
		29,952,728,000	19,097,408,000
her Accounts		831,452,000	537,646,000
ebentures Issued by Subsidiaries		5,918,610,000	3,406,687,000
abilities on Account of Customers		3,251,564,000	1,892,950,000
		41,068,906,000	25,695,599,000

		IL	*1973 IL
Cash and Balances with Banks		14,812,533,000	10,546,786,000
Securities		1,509,974,000	1,184,478,000
Deposits with and Loans to the Government	8,385,234,000		3,779,660,000
Loans and Bills Discounted	7,746,899,000		4,947,261,000
Loans out of Deposits for the Granting of Loans	4,419,041,000		2,778,149,000
		20,551,174,000	11,505,070,000
Other Accounts		694,676,000	377,711,000
Bank Premises and Equipment		248,985,000	188,604,000
Liabilities of Customers		3,251,564,000	1,892,950,000
		41,068,906,000	25,695,599,000

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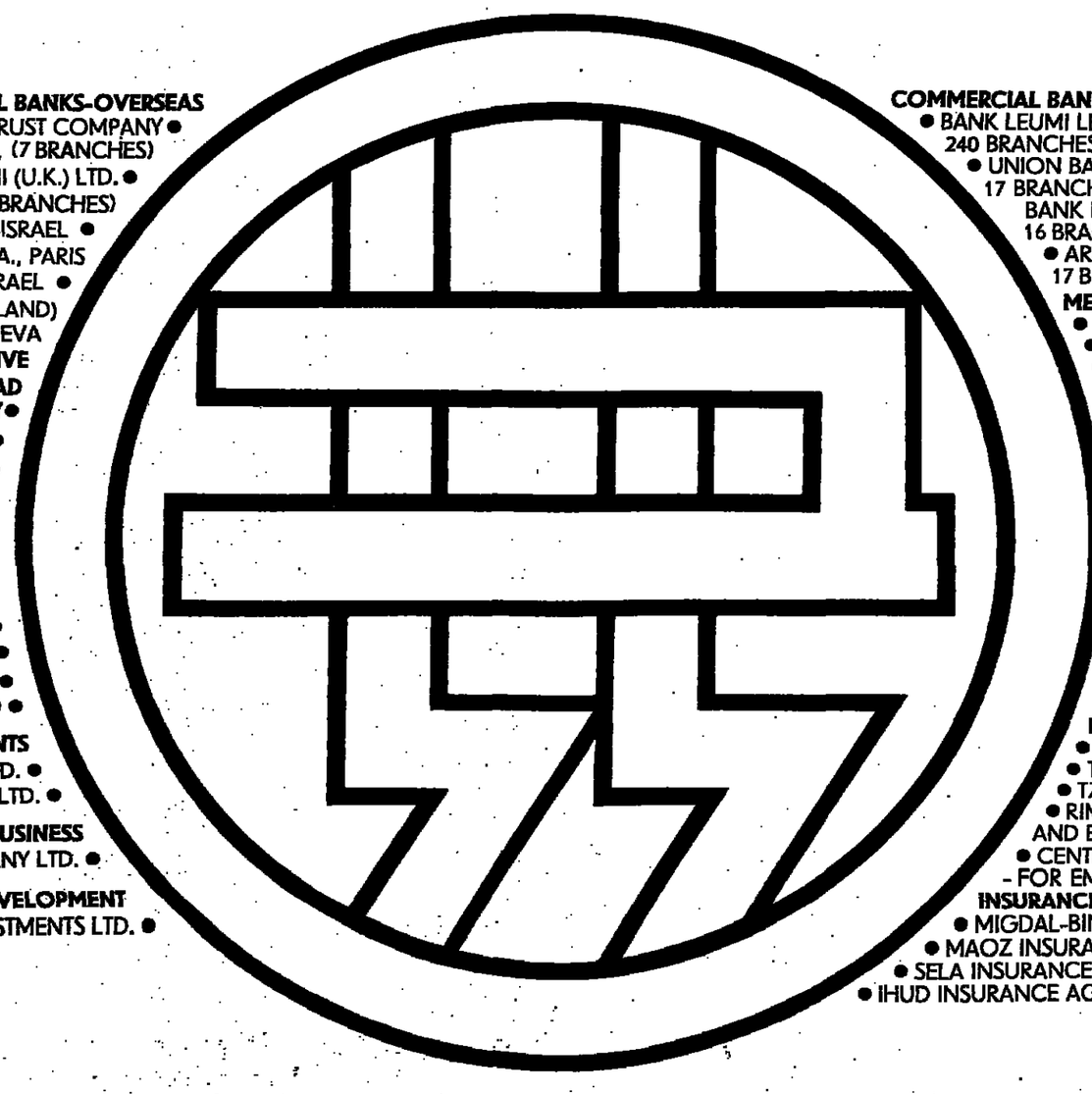

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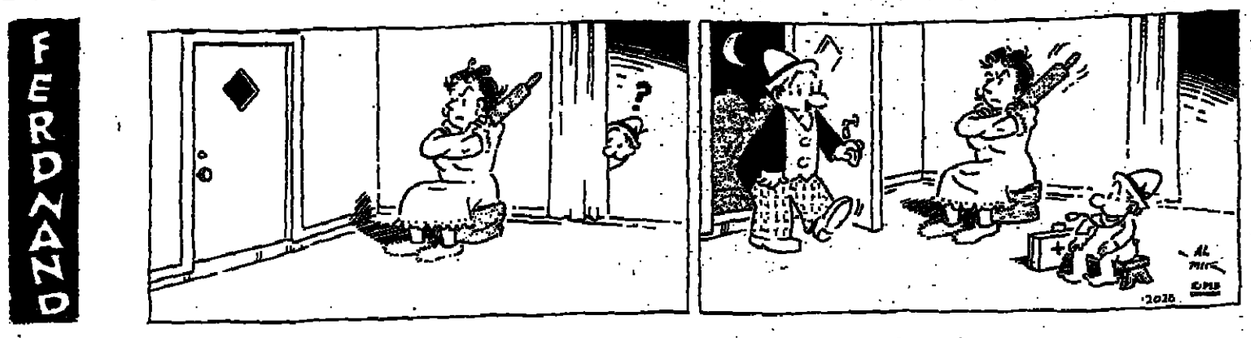

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MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF TEL AVIV-YAFO, 27 Rehov Bialik. Open as above but closed Saturday.

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JERUSALEM

4.00, 7.00, 9.00 p.m.

ARNON: The Horse in the Grey Flannel Suit, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30; CHEN: Walking Tall; EDEN: Airport 1975; EDISON: A Girl called Tiger; HABIRAH: The Man with the Golden Gun; JERUSALEM: Cabaret, 7.00, 9.15 only; MITCHELL: The Great Gatsby; OREGIL: La Moutarde me monte au nez; ORION: Zardoz; ORNA: The Bridge on the River Kwai, 4.00, 8.40 only; RON: The Conversation; SEMADAR: Women in Love, 6.45, 9.00.

TEL AVIV

4.30, 7.15, 9.30

ALLENBY: The Great Gatsby, 4.00, 7.00, 9.30; BEN YEHUDA: Freebie and the Bean; CINEMA ONE: The Man with the Golden Gun, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; CINEMA TWO: A Streetcar Named Desire, 11.00 a.m., 1.15, 3.45, 5.45, 8.00, 10.00; CINERAMA: Act of Vengeance, 7.15, 9.30; ESTHER: La Moutarde me monte au nez; DEKEL: California Split, 7.15, 9.30; PARIS: L'Amour l'apres midi, 10.00 a.m., 12.00, 2.00, 4.00, 7.15, 9.30 p.m.; CHEN: Herbie Rides Again; DRIVE-IN: Master of the World, 7.00, 9.30; GAT: Crazy Sex; GORDON: Tom Jones; HOD: The Man with the Golden Gun; LIMOR: The Gold Rush; MAXIM: State of Siege; MOGRABI: Chinatown, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30; PEER: The Prisoner of Second Avenue; OPHIR: Airport 1975; OREN: Angela; RAMAT AVIV: The Black Windmill, 7.45, 9.30, Tuesday 4.30; STUDIO: The Dove, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30; TORELET: W.R. — The Mysteries of the Organism; TEL AVIV: The White Fang; ZAFON: Les Violons Du Bal.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: Kill and Pray; ARMON: The Man with the Golden Gun; ATZMON: Cat and Mouse; BEIT ROTHSCHILD: L'Annee derniere a Marienbad; CHEN: Airport 1975; MIRON: The Avenger Justice; MORIAH: Valley of the Dolls; ORAH: Stavisky; OREDAN: Blue Angel; ORION: Pepea; ORLY: Some like it Hot; PEER: Crazy Sex; RON: Verdict; SHAVIT: Winning.

HERZLIYA

TIFFERET: Juggernaut; DAVID: Murder on the Orient Express.

PETAH TIKVA

SHALOM: They call me Hallelujah.

NETANYA

ESTHER: Melitta.

RAMAT GAN

ARMON: Oh, Johnny!; HADAR: Gold; LILI: For Pete's Sake; OREDEA: The Odessa File; RAMA: Cendotti's Girl; OASIS: Herbie Rides Again; RAMAT GAN: Our Time.

ON THE AIR

HEBREW NEWS AND NEWSREELS

1st Programme: News: 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m. 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight.
Newsreels: 7.05 p.m.
2nd Programme: 6.03 a.m., 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight and 1.00 a.m.
Newsreels: 7.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m.
Galei Zahal: News: 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m.; 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight, 1.00 a.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00 and 5.00 a.m.
Newsreels: 8.05 a.m., 5.05 p.m. and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 322 and 281 M.

7.58 Opening. 8.10 "Musical Delicacies" — Schubert: Three Piano Pieces; Four Lieder (Janet Baker); Adagio & Allegro (Smetana). 9.05 An Hour with Christian Ferras, violin. 10.05 Excerpts from Operas by Menotti and Offenbach (Friedland). 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Song and Melody. 12.03 Choirs. 1.05 Midday Concert — Brahms: "Rinaldo", cantata (Abbado); Satie: "The Adventures of Mercury" — Ballet. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea — Improving your Knowledge." 3.30 Literature — Questions and Answers. 3.50 The Halacha. 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 "Tunes for Tweens." 5.10 "Jazz." 5.50 "Enigma." 6.05 People and Figures. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading, Hosea, chaps. 5 and 6. 8.05 (Stereo) Jer. Symph. Orch. — Lukas Foss — Beethoven: Violin Concerto (Isaac Stern); Symphony No. 7. 11.05 The Interview of the Month. 12.10 A Moment of Poetry. 12.15 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
467, 422, 296, 248, 355 and 349 M.

5.58 a.m. Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 Good Morning. 8.55 "Names and Events in the Headlines" 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 Hebrew Songs. 1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 "Al Galav Yavi" — new records and recordings. 3.05 Requests — Oriental Songs. 3.52 "Names and Events in the Jewish Scene." 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 "Carnival." 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 "Carnival" (cont.) 5.10 "It Makes Me Laugh." 6.05 "Songs on One Theme." 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "A Meeting with Frank Zapa." 10.05 "Public Opinion." 11.05 "I'm Yours and You are Mine." 1.05 Close Down.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 p.m. Opening. 7.00 News. 7.05 Song and Melody. 8.05 Song and Melody.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SER
5.30 News. 5.32 Service Broad. Science Series. 6.10 "I've Got Th Songs. 8.00 Morasha. 8.30 Ma Kojak. 9.50 Moked. 10.40 News. Educational: 3.30 "Impro Hebrew." 3.52 English 2. 4.12 Electricity.
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 Quiz. 6. 7.00 Family Magazine. 7.30 Ne

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 R Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGR
7.00 a.m. (4th programme and sh 1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme waves); 6.00 p.m. (4th program 8.45 p.m. (4th programme); 10.0 (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGR
7.15 a.m. (4th programme and sh 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme waves); 6.00 p.m. (4th program 9.00 p.m. (4th programme); 12. (short waves).

4th Programme — 407, 445 and 2 Short Waves — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 4

GALEI ZAHAL
234, 238 and 220 M.

5.58 Morning Prayer. 6.05 Morn 7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05 Es street. 8.30 Broadcast of Subjects Composition for Matriculation quests. 9.30 Broadcast of Subjects Composition for Matriculation fr migrants. 10.05 Warm and Tasty and My Songs." 10.45 Warm and Uri Sela's Corner. 11.05 Warm 11.55 Yosef Lapid's Corner. 12. Star."
12.55 "It Reminds Me." 1.05 "T Who Loves Roses." 1.55 nouncements. 2.05 "Two till Fo Gila Almagor. 4.05 Please Call. Newsreels. 5.40 Tunes for Ever Programme Trailer. 6.05 By R Art and Entertainment Magazi Request. 9.35 Jazz. 10.05 "Let's Tr Nathan Donewitz. 11.55 Midnight Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 "Night Light Music. 3.05-6.00 Tunes in t

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

AVIV STOCKS

Electricity bounces back

AVIV. — Electricity continued ounce up and down yesterday. ing opened with it falling by oints to 101 — with a huge over of 406,000: in the Variab- it bounced back with a three gain to close at 104. In the ables, the turnover was only 0.

e swift drop was due to the cation in a morning newspaper report that the Supreme Court, g as the High Court of Jus- had ruled that the Government the right to interfere in the ing of the Electricity Corporation and allow it to function at a deficit — thus depriving holders of electricity shares of their dividends (which they had been promised when they bought the shares). In the Variables, some speculators, believing that all was not lost, moved in to buy, forcing prices up a bit.

Otherwise, trading in stocks was dull to the point of boredom. The turnover was IL1,734,500: of this, IL624,000 was in the Variables.

Index-linked were irregular. The turnover in bonds was IL9,710,300.

The general index fell by 0.24 per cent to stand at 101.44.

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nt Bank "A"	r	156	156.5
Mizrahi Bank	b	300	300
Hapoalim—10%	b	250.5	250.5
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Shemen—8%	b	105	105
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Ampa	r	109	109.5
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Conceived by Tel Aviv town planners as part of a harmonious complex of three hotels, the Continental is the second to open, after the Plaza. The third hotel, the Diplomat, is in an advanced stage of construction.

The new 16-storey hotel, with three more floors devoted to public rooms below street level, is a joint U.S.-West German enterprise in which real estators Wilf & Schwartz of New Jersey, and the Frankfurt contracting firm of Dunitz and Reich each own 50 per cent. All four partners are in Tel Aviv for today's opening, along with Barton Faber, vice-president of Ramada Europe, and other guests from the chain's headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona.

The top storey, the 16th, given over to luxury suites, is still to be completed. By the time it is commissioned the new Ramada will have cost IL50m.

Retrenchment

Under the original agreement with the Ministry for Tourism, half the total investment was to come from government loans, but after last November's devaluation and subsequent retrenchment, Ramada was compelled to go it alone. As a result, government loans, granted progressively with the completion of specific stages of construction, will now account for 38 per cent of the investment.

Unique features of the Ramada include Tel Aviv's only heated indoor swimming pool, complete with sauna and health club facilities, and a kindergarten where parents reluctant to tote their tots along on excursions, or otherwise engaged, can deposit their offspring. Children up to and including the age of 18 stay free of charge providing they sleep in their parents' room.

Each room has, besides the usual facilities, a TV set and a small refrigerator.

General manager Norbert Spichtinger

The three "public" floors provide a lobby, cocktail lounge, restaurant and banquet facilities and a number of conference rooms. Extensive use has been made of glass walls along the sea frontage to provide natural illumination wherever possible during day light. A short flight of steps leads from the sun-porch area directly to the sea. When completed the Hayarkon promenade will provide a second street entrance into this part of the hotel.

"Plugged" into commission is true of the Continental in a literal sense, for the hotel will be an integral part of the Ramada computerized booking system inaugurated last year. A booking clerk in any one of the 720-odd hotels will be able, electronically, on the spot to confirm a reservation in another member of the chain.

General manager Norbert Spichtinger, 33 years old, has served 16 of them in the international hotel trade from the bottom up in his native Austria. Since then he has supervised the opening of top-flight hotels in South Africa, Uganda and Austria. He is in addition a specialist in the application of computer science to hotel management, and ran the computer department of the Kempinski hotel chain in Germany.

Last year Mr. Spichtinger surprised newsmen at a press conference held some four months after his arrival in Israel, when he addressed them in meticulously correct Hebrew, acquired at an ulpan on time carved out of the demanding job of overseeing construction of the five-star hotel.

New line to cost IL 450 m. - IL 500 m.

From Tel Aviv to Eilat by train—in 1982

By SHEILA MELTZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE FIRST TRAIN from Tel Aviv to Eilat is expected to make the journey in 3½ hours — some time in 1982. Israel Railways general manager Zvi Zafriri revealed this last week when he and his staff came here to check the proposed route of the railway in Eilat.

"We are interested in starting work on the track at the Eilat end as soon as possible," Zafriri told the press. "Work on the 35 kms at the northern end, from Oron to Hor Hahar, began last month. We see the railway to Eilat as our most important challenge so far, and crucial to the development of Israel."

The railway, a long-cherished dream of veteran Eilatis and far-sighted planners, has the full support of the Government, especially the Ministers of Transport, Commerce and Industry, and Finance, all of whom are directly connected with its realization. A primary budget for the initial planning, which which is expected to take between a year to 18 months, has already been authorized, and the mapping out of the Eilat stretch is expected to be completed within four to six months. The implementation of the next step of more detailed planning will depend on exact answers to local problems from both the Government and the Eilat Municipality.

The railway will cut through Eilat itself with a passenger terminal at the present air-terminal and a goods terminal at the port. The route has already been taken into consideration in the town's latest master plan, which is due to come up shortly for authorizations by the various committees.

A feasibility report prepared by Israel Railways has been presented to the Ministers concerned. It shows that, based on current factors (i.e. freight to and from the port of Eilat), the line will be viable in 1981-82, when it is due to be completed.

Phosphates

Most of the freight expected to be transported by the railway will be phosphates, fertilizer and chemicals, exports of which are expected to reach from four to five million tons by 1981-82. The scope of these exports alone to the markets of South-East Asia is enormous.

The current assessment of the total investment for the line from Oron through Hor Hahar, Ha'tzeva and Sdom to Eilat is between IL450m.-IL500m.

Of the 260 kms. of track, the 165 kms stretch between Sdom and Eilat, across the Arava valley, is the longest, but the easiest to build. Most difficult, because of the mountainous terrain and a drop in altitude from 372 to 100 metres above sea level, is the 35 kms. stretch from Oron to Hor Hahar on which work has already been started. As the crow flies, it is a distance of only 15 kms; the additional 20 kms. are necessary in order to keep to a suitable gradient. This stretch also calls for earth moving work of 4.5 million cubic metres. And there will be a 220-metre-long bridge over Nahal Zin, in addition to 75 water conduits for winter floods. These floods are also under study by the planning team, which was in Eilat last month on the morning following the rains which flooded Eilat and closed both the access roads through the Arava and the one to Sharm e-Sheikh.

In addition to the passenger terminal, and the freight terminal at the port, a giant marshalling yard to include a depot, the administrative offices, and freight warehouses is planned north of the town, close to the proposed site of the planned (but still on ice) international airport. The most up-to-date equipment will be used and the tracks are being planned for rapid trains drawn by diesel engines at 80-100 kph. "This will make the trip from Tel Aviv between 3½ to four hours," said Zafriri.

122,000 olim to Jerusalem since 1960

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jerusalem has absorbed 122,000 immigrants in the past 15 years — 10 per cent of the national total — Absorption Ministry official Eli Amir said on Friday night. Mr. Amir, who heads the Ministry's Jerusalem and Southern office, was speaking during the Capital's Vocal Newspaper programme.

Turning to Jerusalem's four newest mixed immigrant-and-Israeli housing projects — Neve Ya'acov, Ramot, Gilo and East Talpiot — Mr. Amir complained that delay in providing public facilities was preventing many young couples from taking up the flats reserved for them there. (Only 40 per cent of the flats are for immigrants.)

He advocated putting up prefabs for these facilities.

According to a study by the Absorption Ministry released last week, nearly 50,000 new immigrants have been settled in 25 development towns since 1969. They constituted about 47 per cent of the net population growth in those towns.

Five development towns — Shlomi, Ma'alot, Hazor, Beit Shean and Mizpe Ramon — were not sent any new immigrants during that period because of a lack of absorption facilities, especially employment for professionals.

Parking cards for Jerusalem

The parking meters that have been standing idle in central Jerusalem for many months are to be replaced later this year by a parking card system similar to Tel Aviv's.

The Municipal Executive voted last week to recommend the change to the Municipal Council which is certain to adopt it. Traffic officials have urged the replacement of the meters which are subject to malfunctions and vandalism.

Under the parking-card system, the driver buys in advance a card on which he can punch out the month, day and hour. This is hung inside the window of the car, where it can be seen by parking wardens.

MUSIC

Magnificent mezzo-soprano

JOAN WILLIAMS' latest edition of "New Dimensions in Music" (Tel Aviv, Museum, March 5), opened with Webern's "Three Little Pieces" Op. 11 (1914), perfectly performed by cellist Marc Drobinsky and pianist Sara Fuxon — Heyman. Webern was followed by Mario Davidovsky's "Synchronisms" No. 6 for piano and electronic sounds, in which the composer creates a completely blended sonority out of the two sound sources. Applying a most sensitive touch, Miss Heyman succeeded fully in carrying out the composer's intentions. It was a pity the first part of the concert was unnecessarily burdened with Ben Johnston's meaningless "Knocking Piece," in which the two percussionists Pamela Jones and Jeffrey Kowalski knocked, for what seemed an eternity, inside a grand piano.

The next item, Arne Nordheim's "Response" No. 1 for percussion and magnetic tape contained some nicely handled tape sounds and percussion passages. In contrast to Davidovsky's "Synchronisms," Nordheim juxtaposes the two mediums, rather than fuses them. However the piece drags on endlessly. One cannot help feeling that percussion has exhausted itself and is merely a fashion.

Webern, Davidovsky and Nordheim each have their points of interest but on one programme, they seemed to have too little substance.

"Aus aller Welt Stammende," by Polish composer Zygmunt Krause, was exactly the right thing to defuse the irritating effect of the constant banging and knocking and the weariness created by the electronic sounds. Using mellow and delicate sonorities, Krause's piece is set for 10 string players who each play simultaneously a different folk melody from the district of Sandomierz in Poland. These melodies are all modal and have a surprising affinity. The effect is strange but fascinating and completely new. The players performed standing, which created an almost surrealistic setting.

Michael Barolsky's new composition "Melos" is more in line with established comptemporary trends and many influences can be seen in the music. But Barolsky is only 28 and there is no doubt that he has a fertile imagination and is bursting with ideas. The piece, which has a few lines from the "Song of Songs" in Hebrew, Latin and a combination of Hebrew-Latin as text, begins in the manner of Luciano Berio's sensual "Visage," its sounds leaving no doubt as to their sexual connotations. As background Barolsky uses piano, electronic organ, cello and percussion. The vocal effects are constantly manipulated by synthesizer. Out of the vagueness of the beginning the piece gradually rises to a highly dramatic and very effective climax, centred round the vocalist and then decreases again, until it finally peters out mysteriously.

The success of "Melos" was first and foremost due to mezzo-soprano Emelie Berendsen who gave it a truly magnificent performance. She identified completely with its content, providing a full and rewarding experience. The percussion battery was handled by Yehuda Cohen and Miss Williams conducted.

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Second gain in row

YORK (AP). — The stock piled up its second sharp n a row yesterday as hopes approaching economic upseemed to spread among in- Trading was very active.

Dow Jones average of 30 ials, which rose 10.49 on Fri- as up another 10 points half r before the close yesterday. s outstripped losers by about a 3 to 1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

Brokers said the market's primary rallying point continued to be Friday's news that business was able to reduce its total inventories by $148m. in January for the first decline since May of 1970. "The market has seized on this as a sign that production lines will be started up again sooner rather than later," said one.

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Petroleum shifting from a sellers' to a buyers' market

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

THE EXTRAVAGANT oil-price policy adopted by OPEC 18 months ago is showing the first signs of a backlash. A fall in world demand caused troubled brows at the oil powers' recent summit in Algiers, according to Eliezar Sheffer, Director-General of the Bank of Israel.

Interviewed by *The Jerusalem Post* last week, he baerved that the cartel's decision to increase prices fivefold had had several damaging results for the oil producers. In the short term, it decreased the market for petroleum. World consumption, which usually swells by 7-8 per cent annually, shrank by 2.5 per cent in 1974, despite an augmented building-up of stocks. This year, demand will fall again, Sheffer thinks.

Another effect, felt in the longer term, is the gradual emergence of new energy sources outside OPEC, a process which will accentuate the decline of OPEC exports.

The Algiers conference was expected to raise oil tariffs in line with increases in the price index, and to make a second hike on account of the reduced value of the dollar. Neither of these adjustments eventuated. Abu Dhabi did the opposite. It asked OPEC's permission to reduce the special premium charged for its low-sulphur oil, by 30 U.S. cents a barrel.

Dr. Sheffer concludes that petroleum has shifted from a sellers' to a buyers' market. It is now possible to purchase at less than the official figure. Israel's National Budget shows 660m. allocated for oil imports in 1974 (though that includes acquisitions at more than the official price) — and only $560m. in 1975.

Concerning the danger that the Arabs may in due course undercut the price of oil from the North Sea and other high-cost sources, Sheffer pointed to Secretary of State Kissinger's proposal for a minimum price of around $7 a barrel (as against the existing price of $11), to be agreed by all the oil-importing countries. This would solve the problem, Sheffer maintains, by ensuring stability of trade over a long period.

Questioned about the effect of the above developments on Israel's situation, he commented that the industrialized countries are progressively emancipating themselves from over-dependence on Arab oil supplies. This eases a possible pressure on the Israelis, and must be a cause of gratification, he said.

Poultry breeders to up exports to Far East

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's poultry breeders plan to increase their exports of chicks and fertilized eggs to the Far East. Poultry Breeders Union head Mickey Yadlin, recently returned from a business trip to the Far East, announced that in a recent international poultry exhibition the Israeli poultry won first prize.

Yadlin said Israel is now negotiating sales of chicks and fertilized eggs to a large Japanese cooperative.

A $180,000 sales contract for breeding material was signed in Singapore recently, and a $100,000 contract for chicks for Thailand was also signed. Taiwan has also shown interest in Israeli poultry meat.

Yadlin said he expects to export more than $500,000 to the Far East.

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UNESCO RESOLUTION

MORAL SUPPORT for Israel's beleaguered position is painfully rare today. Thus it was a ray of light from Paris, where almost a hundred of the world's leading artists, musicians, painters, sculptors, architects, theologians and writers, issued a call on Unesco to rescind the discriminatory resolutions against Israel adopted late last year. The group, which held a one-day meeting under the banner of "Committee for an Encounter for the Universality of Unesco," was unanimous in condemning the growing practice of subjecting international organizations to an automatic anti-Israel majority, and for the reconsideration of the results wrought by this majority in an organization that should transcend politics.

Led by five Nobel Laureates, and including some of the best known names in the arts, Jews and mostly non-Jews, the 95 delegates who gathered in Paris, about a mile away from the headquarters of Unesco, voiced the feelings of many intellectuals in the free world, who object the dictatorial manner in which resolutions are passed these days. There is little doubt that they were also encouraged by the strong position taken by the French Senate, the Swiss Upper House as well as the Congress of the United States, all three bodies voted to reduce their country's contributions to Unesco. The American decision hurt most and the Director General of Unesco had to embark on a begging tour seeking funds to keep the organization going.

It was hardly to be expected that the wealthy Arab states, who pressed for the anti-Israel resolutions, should consider making up the missing funds to Unesco. Their role in this game ended when the resolutions were passed. Let someone else worry about culture, said their rulers when approached for money. The damage to the prestige of Unesco and to the cause of international organizations in general far exceeded any financial considerations. The importance of the meeting in Paris was the fact that so many distinguished people united on an issue which involves not only Israel but also the rest of the world.

Israel's struggle against the Unesco resolutions has received an important boost from the impressive meeting in Paris. The participants voiced their concern about the future of international cooperation in the arts. The only jarring note came a few days earlier from Yehudi Menuhin, who questioned the criticism levelled at Unesco. By lending his name to an anti-Israel cause, he did not enhance his own reputation as an objective observer. He also failed to study the available evidence about Israel's archaeological activities in Jerusalem, activities that are open for all to inspect.

Israelis, always appreciative of any signs of support, express their appreciation and respect for the 95 delegates from 25 countries who took the time and effort and lent their distinguished names to the proclamation issued on Saturday. Even though it is recognized that in the highly politicized Unesco, such call may not impress the honourable representatives of the Arab, Asian and African nations, it is nevertheless not a call in the wilderness. It is an affirmation that the spirit of Israel and what it is fighting for has found an echo in the hearts and minds of the world's leading intellectuals, and their support at this particular time is in itself an act highly valued by Israelis.

". . . and then came a clever man from America and brought us peace. . ."

ISRAEL PRESS

Talks in a logjam

YEDIOT AHRONOT (Independent) says that the Kissinger talks are now in a logjam with the Arabs returning to their early, uncompromising policies and Israel placed in a position which embarrasses even the most conciliatory elements. "Perhaps we ourselves are partly to blame since we failed to make it sufficiently clear to Dr. Kissinger that there is a line which even Israel's present government would not be prepared to cross under any circumstances, while he was under the impression that Israel could be pressured into wavering.

"There is, consequently, no alternative now but to halt the talks for a certain time... so as to restore the participants to a more realistic evaluation of the situation and to ensure that the talks continue on a more healthy basis."

MAARIV (independent) says that the Egyptians have outplayed Israel in the sphere of information, and that Israel's brains trust for the talks sorely lacks an information expert. "Despite all the secrecy, the talks are being conducted in public. What is said marginally, however vague, exerts considerable influence on world public opinion.

"Cairo has been consistently flooding the media with stories aimed at creating the impression that Egypt places no obstacles in the way of an early agreement and that, if there are problems, Israel is to blame. The Israeli negotiating team was taken by surprise to find that the Egyptian version was 'swallowed' by most of the media throughout the free world."

Pourquoi les hommes meurent-ils plus jeunes que les femmes?

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T.A. UNIVERSITY RECTOR —

Higher fees are 'the only economic cure'

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv University's main problem in the coming year will simply be "to stay alive. It's as bad as all that," said the Rector, Prof. Shlomo Simonsohn, in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* last week.

The current academic year is a hard one not only for TAU, despite its own set of unique problems. All of Israel's seven institutions of higher learning have felt the pinch of the country's financial squeeze, and it has been very painful for each and every one of them.

This is the major question with which the University's board of governors, holding its annual meeting at the Ramat Aviv campus this week, is dealing. The 200 governors may even find themselves witnessing the end of an era for what has certainly been the country's fastest growing university.

For one thing, circumstances have put an end for the time being to the ambitious and energetic development policy which had astounded many and elicited outright envy from others. There is barely any construction work going on and for the first time in its history, the University is not anticipating growth but even predicting a decline. There are today over 15,000 students on campus, but there may well be fewer there by the fall of 1975.

"We are now changing direction and emphasis. The stress will have to be on maintaining and improving what we already have rather than creating new things. Anything new, given the present economic situation, will by necessity have to come at the expense of what already exists," Prof. Simonsohn explains.

A new fund-raising strategy will have to be plotted, with a switch from the emphasis on large contributions for the development budget, to seeking more modest donations for the operational budget. "Unlike the other universities we unwisely failed to concentrate on obtaining financial assistance for our day-to-day needs and this meant that, in this respect, we remained much more government-reliant than other institutions of higher learning. Now it really hurts," the Rector admits.

Inflationary spiral

Like the citizens, the universities are trapped by the inflationary spiral and are suffering what is in effect a very substantial drop in real income. To make matters worse, there is too much duplication in what the various universities offer and not enough coordination between them. Prof. Simonsohn doesn't mince his words: "The result is plain waste. Israel is, for example, producing too many doctors, many of them for export to the U.S. market.

"The trouble is that the golden mean always eludes us. We tend to go from one extreme to the other. Sometimes we even perform the incredible acrobatics of clinging simultaneously to opposite extremes," Prof. Simonsohn comments wryly. "The very attitude to higher education is a case in point."

On the one hand, he notes, "many voices are suddenly talking about a purely utilitarian approach to academic education," which is anathema to the outspoken TAU rector. "It all smacks of the anti-intellectualism of the early pioneers. You only need to scratch the surface and there it is. And yet at one and the same time the very people who expound such views are the first to push their offspring, no matter how untalented, into a university. Everyone who thinks he is anyone feels he has to have an academic degree. This is the opposite extreme to utilitarianism and it is every bit as reprehensible. The country could not afford this before the Yom Kippur War and it certainly cannot afford it now. There has to be rational planning for higher education and we must get our priorities in order," Prof. Simonsohn asserts.

What he is most anxious about is that we are nearing a situation "of all chiefs and no Indians. It's becoming a stigma to be a waiter — nowadays everyone has to be a restaurant manager. No society is built for this. Not everyone can be a manager and it's not merely a matter of education but also of aptitude. Nature saw to it that there would be some diversification."

What is happening, however, as he sees it, is that many students have simply been coerced to enrol by social pressure. "They might have been very happy doing non-academic work but were made to feel unhappy and unsuccessful. It is just not the thing not to have a diploma. People are forced to be engineers instead of technicians, high school teachers instead of kindergarten teachers, and no sergeant is content unless he becomes a general. It's the old Peter Principle: we are deprived of good high school teachers only to get bad university professors. I am not against people bettering themselves, so long as the urge is not carried to absurdity," Prof. Simonsohn maintains.

Turning back to the more immediate and pressing problems of finance, Prof. Simonsohn contends that university tuition is virtually free in this country. "What is IL1,900 a year these days?" he asks. "Tuition fees account for less than 10 per cent of the universities' income while the tax-payer must foot some 70 to 80 per cent of the annual IL1,000m. higher education bill. No one is suggesting for a moment that one capable person be denied higher education because he cannot afford the fees. But unrealistic fees are no answer either.

Cash repayment

"The absurdly low cost of a university education must be replaced with higher fees and a system of loans available to anyone who needs them, to be repaid upon graduation either in cash or by work, say, in outlying border areas. This would assure the universities of sensible fees regardless of whether they are paid directly by the students or by subsidy. Such arrangements exist in many countries including the U.S. and would result in a third of the universities' budgets being covered by tuition fees and no more than another third coming from the tax-payer. This would once and for all end the senseless complaints that higher education is devouring an undue portion of the national education budget. This is only so because the government is forcing us to collect even lower tuition fees than high schools do," Prof. Simonsohn charges.

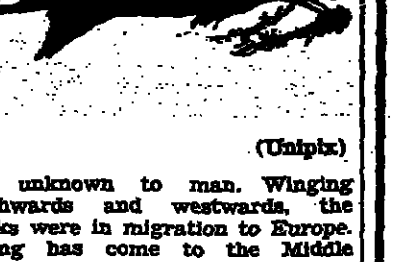
He rejects out of hand any suggestions that students cannot pay higher fees: "If they can't, they should be offered loans, but not outright gifts as is the situation at present. The uproar last autumn when we wanted to hike fees from IL1,900 to IL3,000 stemmed only from the refusal to give up the gift which they already possessed." While he feels that loans should be available, he believes that few need even those. The rector cites the case of Kupat Holim, which offered loans to medical students with the option that they be paid back by work at its clinics. Most students paid the sums back in full, rather than find themselves in the non-prestigious clinics.

To Prof. Simonsohn's mind there is no alternative but to institute higher fees and a loan system. "This is the only economic cure for universities and it would be better if it were adopted sooner than later. It is no great tragedy if the universities are not able to open new departments every year. The danger is that if we are asked to tighten our belts any further, standards will begin to be compromised. Tel Aviv University alone needs IL50m. more than it has if it is to carry on at last year's level, and it might well be short of an additional IL50m. next year just in order to maintain this year's standards. There are many austerity measures, including doing away with 375 posts. The danger with any further cutbacks is that we might throw out the baby with the bath water," he grimly predicts.

POSTSCRIPTS

ON SUNDAY MORNING, I watched a group of temporary residents emigrating from Israel. It was a heartlifting sight.

They wheeled majestically above my head, their wings breasting the quiet air, moving according to some



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law unknown to man. Winging northwards and westwards, the storks were in migration to Europe. Spring has come to the Middle East.

So has Henry Kissinger. If only we could believe that, like the storks, the flying Secretary of State is the harbinger of sunny days to come.

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VIEWPOINT — DAVID

The tactical blunder in Isr[ael's] bold new challenge to Eg[ypt]

AS THE KISSINGER shuttle proceeds, the built-in imbalance in the negotiating framework becomes more and more pronounced. The imbalance was of Israel's making, but the longer the negotiations continue — the more it seems to work to Israel's disadvantage. With the shuttle now 12 days old, one begins to wonder whether the Israeli tactic was in fact as wise and as bold as it had earlier appeared.

The negotiating imbalance is simply stated: Israel has demanded "non-belligerency," and Egypt has demanded the Passes and the oil; Israel has agreed to Egypt's demand (on condition that Egypt agrees to Israel's demand); but Egypt has not agreed to Israel's demand (on any condition). The negotiations, therefore, centre solely on Israel's demand, with Israel trying to get Egypt to accept it, and Egypt trying to get Israel to soften it. There is no negotiation over Egypt's demand — since Israel announced at the outset that it accepts it (albeit conditionally).

Policymakers in Jerusalem say they are aware of this, explain that it is the result of a carefully calculated tactical demarche on Israel's part.

Premier Rabin, they say, sought to break out of the previous mould of Israeli diplomacy, criticized abroad as "intransigent," with a bold new challenge to Egypt that would place the onus of rejection squarely on Mr. Sadat. Israel had been told flatly by President Ford and Dr. Kissinger that its original proposal for a "modest" pullback accord in Sinai was "unattainable." Well then, Israel would offer a new and far-reaching proposal, accommodating Egypt's territorial demands for the key passes that control Sinai's heartland and the strategic oil-wells on the Suez Coast. The Israeli condition would be equally far-reaching: a meaningful political commitment that would signify the end of armed conflict between the two states.

Israel had always contended that the key to the conflict was not geography, but the Arabs' refusal to accept her sovereign existence. Here was the chance for Egypt to prove that this was no longer so. "We deliberately took the geography out of the equation," said one Cabinet minister, "to test Egypt's intentions on the fundamental issue of war or peace."

It was probably the boldest step an Israel government has taken since 1967. It was a calculated risk, jeopardizing the defensibility of Sinai for a return which, no matter how well-anchored in the carefully drafted clauses of an accord, remained nevertheless largely in the realm of political and psychological intangibles. Real estate for promises: a daring venture, fraught with hazards.

One hazard, which seems not to have been sufficiently considered in Jerusalem, lies in the nature of the Kissinger shuttle, indeed of any protracted negotiation. Israel's bold new challenge, to have produced maximal tactical advantage, should have been issued as a take-it-or-leave-it package proposition. Our generous new offer meets your publicly enunciated territorial demands: can you now meet our political demands? If not there can be no deal. Instead, the Israeli offer was made as the starting point of a negotiating process which was clearly going to be long and in which the Secretary was clearly prepared to invest arduous effort.

This was the tactical miscalculation — and it is becoming ever more apparent as the shuttle proceeds.

In a long negotiation, the sides are expected to inch slowly towards each other's positions. For this reason, each side takes care to advance maximalist positions at the start of the talks, and to reject out-of-hand the other side's demands — in the certain knowledge that the negotiating process will bring a mutual softening.

That is why, for instance, Israel began the first Jer[usalem] shuttle last year by [a] "swap of Canal ban[ks] quo ante bellum" sit[uation]. Egypt was full expe[ctation] — and did reject. (Eg[ypt]) requested to sign a no[n-belligerency] pact, which it also, flatly rejected.) Egyp[t] demanded a withdraw[al] which Israel rejected. parallelism of deman[ds] tions, and Dr. Kissi[nger] relatively easy to m[ove] to a compromise.

That parallelism is [lacking in the] current negotiations [since Is]rael announced in ad[vance it] could accept Egypt's [...]. By eliminating the [...] rael has reduced the [give-]and-take to one side [...] tion: the Israeli-dem[and] rejection side. (Belate[dly ...] redress the balanc[e ...] tried with little real[...] week to revive the [...] tlement scenario as [...] tiating option. In a [...] to this same belate[...] Egypt has this week [...] territorial demands. W[...] and the oil seen as [...] bag, Egypt is now [...] Israeli withdrawal fr[om the] entire Gulf of Suez.

One upshot of this [...] tion is that Israel's [...] cession and comprom[ise ...] limited. The pressure[s on] the Israeli negotiators are therefore stronge[r ...]

Keeping up with Kissin[ger]

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STRANGELY ENOUGH, much of the pressure in these Kissinger shuttles focuses on stamina in the physical, as well as national and political, senses of the term.

Sitting in the King David Hotel, it is instructive to watch the negotiators returning after a long session. First Dr. Kissinger strides in, spruce and spry, veritably bouncing with energy, radiating smiles and handwaves, manifestly thriving on the endless intricacies of the negotiations. ("After all," as a guest in the lobby commented, "it's not his security they're giving away...")

Later, some of the Israeli team appear. Peres and Dinitz, out-of-towners who stay at the hotel, often return together arm-in-arm. Ties a[skew,] needing a shave, they most stagger in, li[ke] school chums after [...]. Bleary-eyed, they exc[hange good-]natured banter with [...] men before heading for a nightcap [and] blessed sleep.

So much depends [on the fresh]ness and clear-head[edness of the] negotiators. Plainly [Kissin]ger, confident of his tried and almost [...] physical staying-pow[er ...] the weakness of the [...] to prod the talks alo[ng as] he wishes. President [...] hear, insists on his afternoon siesta and [the] Secretary sightseein[g ...] has it. Very wise.

READERS' LETTERS

Free electricity 'farce'

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — According to your report of March 6, Minister Bar-Lev has urged a loan for the Electric Corporation. I would suggest, now that the worst of the winter is over, that the Electric Corporation should check on the amount of free electricity used by its employees during the last few months. Centrally heated homes by some, unlimited use of heating appliances and cookers by most, all with maximum kilowatt consumption.

I don't think the Electric Corporation would be so much in the red if they were to give only a limited amount of electricity free to its employees, but charge them for additional kilowatts like the rest of us who have so recently had our bills nearly doubled. Such concessions in this and other big concerns are getting to be a farce and I very much resent having to help subsidize these privileges whilst begrudging myself the extra heat an electric fire would give me.

REBECCA WILLIAMS
Haifa, March 6.

EXECUT[...]

To The Editor of The [Jerusalem Post]

Sir, — I would sug[gest that when]ever hostages are ta[ken to] secure the release of [ter]rorists, the kidnappe[rs be in]formed that, if any hostage, it will ent[ail the execu]tion of the impris[oned terrorists] whose release has be[en demanded ...] any country implem[ented this po]licy once, I am su[re it would put] an end to this form [of terror] and kidnapping.

YOSE[...]
Haifa, March 6.

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